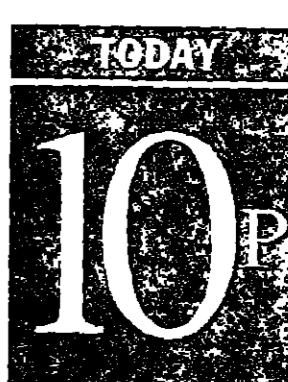
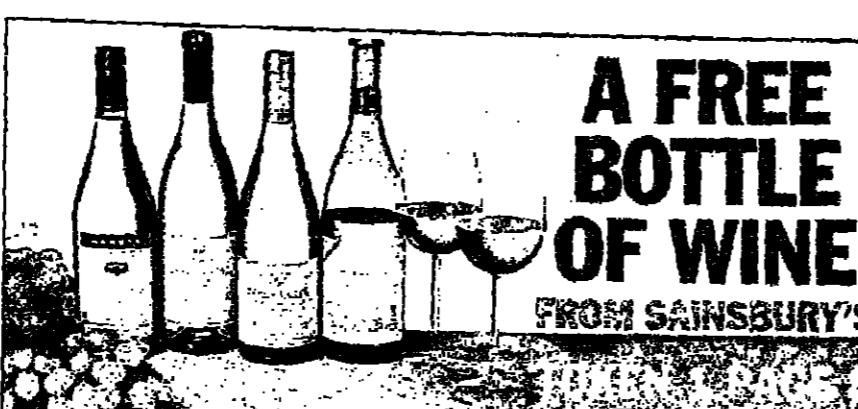
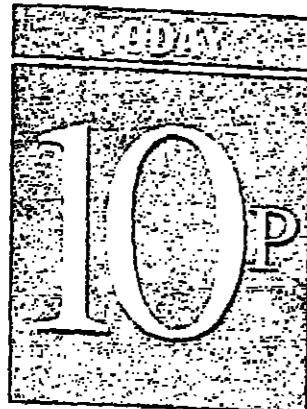


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Hogg says rabies law could be scrapped

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITELAW CORRESPONDENT

DOUGLAS HOGG, the Agriculture Minister, is proposing a review of Britain's quarantine rules which could lead to the world's toughest rabies controls being scrapped.

In a paper circulated to Cabinet ministers, Mr Hogg suggests it might be time to abandon quarantine for a passport-for-pets scheme based on the Swedish model, and strict new rules on vaccination and blood testing.

The move follows intense pressure on the Government from groups, including diplomats and service families, who claim that British policy, enforced since 1990, is too draconian and out of proportion to the threat.

The Prime Minister is understood to have offered cautious support for reform, but reservations have been expressed by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary and MP for the Cheltenham port of Folkestone, who is worried about the impact on traditional Tory strongholds on the south coast.

Ministers have also said they wish to guarantee that any new system is as effective as quarantine has proved.

But the new mood of Mr Hogg and the Ministry of Agriculture, set out in last month's document, represents a significant shift of thinking in Whitehall.

Historically, the Ministry of Agriculture has been the staunchest defender of the laws which have guaranteed a rabies-free Britain.

But Mr Hogg and senior officials have been impressed by the success of a scheme in Sweden which has abolished quarantine for pets from European Union countries and replaced it with a strict system of vaccination, blood testing, and identification by means of a microchip implanted in the animal. Sweden retains quarantine for non-EU countries.

It is understood that under the proposals for Britain, quarantine controls would be dropped for EU countries and rabies-free islands such as Cyprus and Malta. Ministry officials believe there is a strong case for phasing in reform, possibly starting with a reduction in the six-month quarantine period to between one and three months.

Any passport-for-pets scheme would also have to be rigorously controlled. Travelling pets would be compelled to have microchip implants and vets would have to sign certificates proving vaccination and blood testing of the animal. It is likely that animals would also be subject to further blood tests on arrival in Britain.

Three officials, including Keith Meldrum, the Government's

chief veterinary surgeon, have visited Sweden to monitor the scheme there. They were particularly struck, it seems, by the drop in the incidence of animal smuggling into Sweden after the change. There has been concern in government for some time that the high cost of quarantine — up to £2,000 for a dog — and the growing numbers of pet owners opposed the rules were leading to an increase in illegal smuggling of animals.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, wants more scientific analysis but is said to be "very excited by the prospect of British people being able to travel freely with their pets".

Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, has been pressing for change. He is to return to Britain next summer with his two Norfolk terriers, Whisky and Soda. Last night he welcomed the prospect of reform and hoped it would apply to all rabies-free countries. "I think it would be very curious if they applied it just to the EU and not generally. Provided the animals carry a microchip, have been inoculated, have a certificate, and are tested on arrival in Britain, it should not make too much difference which country they come from," he said.

But David Shaw, Conservative MP for Dover, said he would fight any proposal to change the law. "It might be a tiny vote-winner for a small number of pet owners, but it would put a lot of fear in people."

Mr Hogg circulated his paper last month at the same time as the death in quarantine of a spaniel owned by Henrik Sorensen, a Danish diplomat, hit the headlines.

A government source said: "Mr Hogg's action was not connected with the diplomat, but the events were simultaneous."

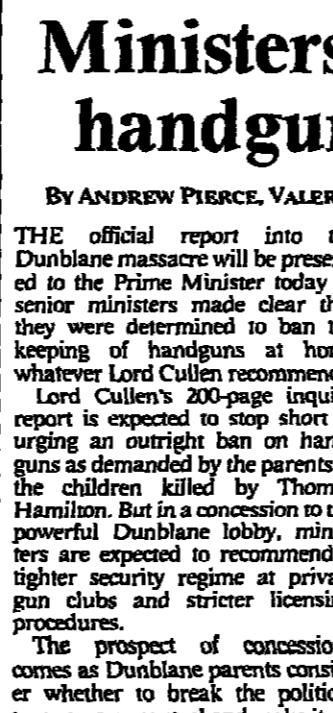
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"Personally, I wish I'd spent a lot longer in quarantine"



Hill enjoying the moment



Hill: Enjoying the moment

Hill takes title at last chance

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN SUZUKA

DAMON HILL wrote a new chapter in motor racing history yesterday when he clinched his first Formula One world drivers' title and emulated the achievement of his late father, Graham, 28 years after his "old man" last won the championship.

Hill, 36, started the Japanese Grand Prix needing to finish sixth to make sure of a title that has eluded him so narrowly for the past two years. He knew it would almost certainly be his last chance after the Williams team's decision to discard him next season. But he calmed the nerves of the millions of television viewers who got up in the early hours of yesterday to cheer him on by leading from beginning to end.

Hill's victory completed a giddy rise from London motorcycle courier and average performer in lesser series to Formula One world champion and banished the aura of heroic and gentlemanly failure that had begun to hover over him after previous championship defeats at the hands of his nemesis, Michael Schumacher. His only challeng-

er, his Williams-Renault teammate, Jacques Villeneuve, another scion of a racing legend, Gilles Villeneuve, lost any realistic title chance when he made a bad start. Then he was forced to retire early after a rear tyre worked loose and flew off.

"This is going to take a lot of time to sink in," Hill said. "To have won the championship and a grand prix all in one race is a hell of a thing. At last, I have ended all the training and the preparations and the sleepless nights. My wife, Georgie, has had a lot of anxiety. There has probably been as much pressure on her as there has on me."

Georgie joined Hill in post-race celebrations, racing down the pit-lane to hug him as he climbed from his car. She had been unable to watch most of the 53 laps despite his dominance. Afterwards she said: "All the sacrifices, everything we have been through, is worth it now. He has done it with huge dignity and I am really proud of him."

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Ministers vow to ban handguns at home

BY ANDREW PIERCE, VALERIE ELLIOTT AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE official report into the Dunblane massacre will be presented to the Prime Minister today as senior ministers made clear that they were determined to ban the keeping of handguns at home whatever Lord Cullen recommends. Lord Cullen's 200-page inquiry report is expected to stop short of urging an outright ban on handguns as demanded by the parents of the children killed by Thomas Hamilton. But in a concession to the powerful Dunblane lobby, ministers are expected to recommend a tighter security regime at private gun clubs and stricter licensing procedures.

The prospect of concessions comes as Dunblane parents consider whether to break the political truce on gun control and make it an

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Bishop in attack on 'amoral' government

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Church of England bishop yesterday condemned the 'amoral' nature of government and warned that society was heading towards 'moral chaos'.

The Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, called for Parliament to be subject to a convention of human rights to offset what he described as 'the dangers of the doctrine of untrammelled sovereignty'.

His sermon, to members of the Midlands and Oxford judiciary at the annual judges service at Birmingham cathedral, came weeks after the new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Birmingham of Cornhill, spoke out in favour of incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law.

The reform is strongly backed by Labour but Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has given a warning that to enshrine the convention would draw judges into the political arena.

Bishop Santer, reiterating criticisms he has made before of the market economy, said the convention was needed because Parliament was no longer subject to the 'unquestioned sovereignty of God and His law'. Instead, society was

ruled by the philosophy that 'everything is tradeable and ultimately has a price'.

Hence, 'the attraction of the utilitarian ethic which reduces right and wrong to what is useful for survival, or the common view which allows majority opinion to be the judge of right or wrong.'

The sovereignty of Parliament was a tolerable idea for as long as it was recognised as subject to the unquestioned sovereignty of God and His law,' he continued.

'But if God and His law are no longer taken for granted, and if the sovereignty of Parliament is subject to no other moral constraints, we could be on the way to moral chaos in the public sphere. That, I believe — and this is a social and moral judgment, not a political one — is one of the strongest arguments for the acceptance of a convention of human rights to which Parliament itself would be subject.'

He condemned a climate where, he said, 'individuals come first, and society second, and that moral rules are at bottom simply a matter of convenience and self-interest.'

He added: 'The utilitarian view, which is ultimately amoral, has taken deep roots in the presuppositions of modern society. But it is wrong. It flies in the face not only of revealed religion but also of human nature.' The Bishop, while taking care yesterday to emphasise that he was not singling out the current Government for criticism, is regarded as unacceptably left-wing by many in the political establishment.

Previously he has described greed as a national institution, and in 1994 said the Government's health service reforms were 'morally wrong'.



Bishop Santer in his diocese yesterday

Parish pays tribute to stance on gay love

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

PARTHIONERS yesterday rallied round Anne Atkins, the clergyman's wife who attacked the Church of England's stance on homosexuality, as they attended her husband's Sunday service.

Both young and old in the congregation at St Dionis Church in Parsons's Green, southwest London, were united in their support for Mrs Atkins's views, and made a point of congratulating her for speaking out as they mingled over coffee after the service.

They pointed out that there always had been, and would continue to be, homosexuals present in the congregation who were welcomed into the church. 'We have people from that background here,' said Jenny Whittle, who has attended St Dionis for nearly 20 years. 'And they're still here.'

Many of the younger parishioners also made a point of congratulating Mrs Atkins. Trevor Adenbrooke, 27, said: 'I support her stand that God's wish is for sex to remain within marriage. It is difficult to live by your faith ... but someone has to make a stand.'

The Rev Shaun Atkins said he hoped that ultimately his wife's stand would clear the way for constructive debate. Mr Atkins is a member of Reform, a conservative evangelical group concerned with the issue of homosexuality and sex before marriage. It considers chastity the sole alternative.

Traditional choice for vicar in choir row

BY JOHN SHAW

THE vicar who lost half his choir in a dispute about modern hymns hit back at critics from his pulpit in rural Norfolk yesterday. The Rev Andrew Parsons, 43, spoke out in a sermon during a service at which five traditional hymns were sung.

Some members of the choir at St Mary's, Wrotham, objected to the words of *Autumn Days*, with its references to bacon frying and jet planes flying. Mr Parsons said: 'I do not seek to outlaw traditional hymnody, but to supplement it. It is no good saying there is no music after Elgar.'

'You can't have a diet simply of hymns ancient and obscure if you are to welcome children, and goodness knows we need to welcome children. Not because they are the Church of tomorrow; they are the Church of today.'

A parish church, particularly in the countryside, had 'the role of a GP surgery, open to all comers'. The whole point of *Autumn Days* was that people should give thanks for what was around them, he said. 'And it needs encouraging in children in their own terms, in their own language.'

The congregation of 38 applauded when Mr Parsons made Jamie Barron, 14, acting head chorister. Hymns sung by the mixed choir of seven children and three adults, half the usual number, included *Fight the Good Fight*.

Second meteorite gives hint of Martian life

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A SECOND meteorite from Mars has shown structures that suggest life but it is too early to reach conclusions, according to a scientist from Nasa, the US space agency.

Dr David McKay, of the Johnson Space Centre at Houston, said: 'We have some very preliminary evidence that encourages us to look at other meteorites. But what we have seen is very weak and is not something I would want to speculate on.'

An American news programme reported that the

scientists had suggested they had found possible cell structures, something that was absent from the first meteorite studied. But Dr McKay said that he had second thoughts. 'I misspoke,' he said. 'I would like to pull back on that.'

The new evidence comes from a meteorite much younger than that which Dr McKay's team said in August had shown evidence of Martian life.

Scientists are studying at least 12 meteorites that have been identified through chemical tests as originating from Mars.

Susannah York and Beryl Reid in the 1969 film *The Killing of Sister George*

Actors pay tribute to Beryl Reid, 'one of the best'

BY LIN JENKINS

THE actress Beryl Reid, who died yesterday aged 76, was remembered as one of the outstanding comic actresses of her generation by her friends and colleagues in show business.

Her talent shone through despite a lack of formal training, and the twin handicaps of dyslexia and stage fright.

Dame Vera Lynn said she was one of the most enduring actresses as well as one of the most versatile. 'She was somebody who was so completely different and a terribly funny lady. I was always fascinated by her work. She was always a sort of cheeky girl and the public liked her very much. I am very sorry that she is no longer with us. She was a beautiful performer.'

Barbara Windsor said: 'She was a very talented lady, superb, one of the greatest and best.' Ian Bannen, who starred alongside Miss Reid with Sir Alec Guinness in the television version of *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier Spy*, said: 'Beryl had such a wonderful range of emotion and was as good as any actress, including Peggy Ashcroft. She will leave an enormous hole in the British theatre.'

She loved to entertain, and

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£25m help for dance and drama hopefuls

BY DALYA ALBERGE

BUDGING performers will be helped to afford places at accredited dance and drama schools in a £25 million plan to be announced today by Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary.

The three-year scheme is intended to subsidise the tuition of about 1,000 students as a response to repeated cries for help from the arts and education sector.

Grants for dance and drama courses are discretionary. Funding constraints mean that some authorities provide a 'reasonable' amount of support, a number offer a token amount and others can't spare anything.

With funding from the Department of Education topped up with lottery cash, money will be distributed by the Arts Council. Instead of cash-strapped local authorities having to find £6,000 or £7,000 to support a dance or drama student, they will have to find only £1,000, a comparable figure to any other area of study. The scheme will run from next autumn 1997.

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Holiday couple tell of their terror after tourist boat capsizes in tropical storm

We were left to drown in sea of sharks, say Britons

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

TWO British holidaymakers described yesterday how they were left to die in shark-infested African waters when a tourist boat capsized and the skipper sailed away in another vessel without them.

Eddy Chambers and Joan Garratt had expected a pleasant day's snorkelling in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Zanzibar, but only 45 minutes after setting off they were left clinging to the upturned shell of the 10ft dugout after it capsized in a violent storm.

The skipper, promising to go for help, swam off to the safety of a boat on the distant horizon, but it turned for shore and left them. The couple,

were left in the water with their godson and his fiancée, were left in the water with no apparent chance of help. They were rescued when a fisherman spotted them from the coast. Only later did they discover that they had been sharing the ocean with great white sharks.

The couple, from Duffield, Derbyshire, were in Zanzibar visiting Mrs Garratt's godson Phil Richey, who is working for Voluntary Service Overseas in Tanzania. Together with his fiance Paula, they decided to take a snorkelling trip off the north-east coast.

"It was a bit rough and a bit windy, and the skipper said he would wait until the wind had dropped," said Mrs Garratt, 55, a retired teacher. "I don't think he would normally have taken us out but he wanted the money. It actually turned out to be too rough to snorkel, and we were turning round to head back to shallower waters when he got a line snagged round the outrigger and the boat capsized."

The passengers, including three other Britons and two Africans, were all flung into



A boat of the type that capsized while carrying Joan Garratt and Eddy Chambers, below, who were rescued by this fisherman, below right



the water. Mrs Garratt said: "It was very scary. I thought, thank goodness we can all swim."

The skipper gathered up the floating snorkel masks and started swimming for a distant sail, and we assumed he was going for help. We all cheered when he made it — but then the boat just turned

for shore and left us, and we never saw him again."

"I think he was scared he was in trouble. We were left stuck in an empty sea, clinging to a ropey boat, and the storm was getting worse."

"It was getting rougher and rougher, and colder and colder. I honestly thought we would just get tired, slip into

the water and die. To stay alert we sang songs, like 'If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands' — which was a bit daft, because if we had clapped we would have slid off the boat. We were all getting very tired."

It was only when a fellow tourist began waving his brightly-coloured shirt in

sheer desperation that they were spotted from the coastline by a fisherman. "I think he was the only man on the shore with binoculars. He had a dinghy and a small fishing vessel and he came out to rescue us. That was pretty hairy in itself as the boat was very flimsy and it seemed like it was going to capsize too. I've

never been so grateful to be on dry land."

After they returned, the couple saw a map of the area with the words "white sharks" written across where they had been floundering.

Mrs Garratt said: "I'm sure that to have known that at the time would have concentrated our minds wonderfully."



Solihull couples prefer fidelity to aerobics

By DOMINIC KENNEDY
SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

SOLIHULL has emerged as the marital stronghold of Britain. The middle-class mecca of the West Midlands has a higher percentage of married couples than any other town — nearly 74 per cent of its population, almost 8 per cent more than the national average.

It is closely followed by Wirral, Doncaster and Colchester, a survey discloses today. The marriage-failure

capital is Burnley, which has almost three times as many divorcees as the average town. Widows and widowers tend to head to the South Coast for companionship, especially preferring Brighton and Worthing, while London and Edinburgh have the highest proportion of single people.

The research was carried out by the market analysts Claritas among 100,000 people. A former mayor of Solihull offered a reason for its marital success: "We haven't, unlike a lot of other

boroughs, provided facilities for people to do things," Eric Pemberton said. "We haven't got a lot of sports facilities. People have been left together more. They haven't been dragged apart to do different things."

Mr Pemberton, 66, who has been married for 37 years, says that his neighbours tend to leave each other to themselves. "This is the essence of Solihull. There aren't a lot of parties where you might find yourself in bed with somebody else's wife."

Whistle firms come to blows

By LIN JENKINS

A BRITISH firm is defending before a Canadian court its claim to have developed the first pealless whistle.

For 40 International of Ontario has filed a federal court action against J Hudson & Co and its Canadian distributor, A Conway Beacham Ltd. Ron Foxcroft, president of the Canadian company and a former basketball referee, claims he

and industrial designer, developed the pealless whistle after his conventional one failed at a critical moment during an international game.

J Hudson & Co, which produces four million whistles a year for 137 countries, has been the world market leader since 1870 when its founder, Joseph Hudson, sold the idea of the penny whistle to the police.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Flu vaccine urged for all over-65s

GPs are being urged to offer flu vaccine to everyone over 65, in a report that contradicts official government advice that it should be reserved for people with chronic illnesses.

The NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination says research shows that vaccinating all older people is "a cost effective way of reducing flu-related deaths and illness," and that Britain is out of step with the US, Canada and most European countries.

Boy injured

A boy aged eight suffered a skull fracture after he and a 12-year-old fell from a moving fire engine. They climbed on as the Liverpool crew put out burning rubbish. The younger boy's condition was serious but not life-threatening.

Murder charge

A man has been charged with the murder of Jane Crowe, 32, who was found asphyxiated in a cupboard at her home in Norwich. The 34-year-old man, who has not been named, will appear before Norwich magistrates today.

Hollow ring

A supervisor handling a British Gas national customer helpline was sacked and 20 temporary staff given final warnings after their pub lunchbreak in Solihull lasted nine hours. One woman stayed at work.

Ambulance death

Greater Manchester Ambulance Service is investigating why an ambulance driver lost his way between hospitals. A heart patient needing urgent surgery died on the 25-minute journey but it is not known if the delay was a factor.

Driving ban

Captain Mark Phillips was banned from driving for seven days after admitting speeding at 73mph in a 40mph limit in Malmesbury, Wiltshire. He was fined £140 and awarded six penalty points.

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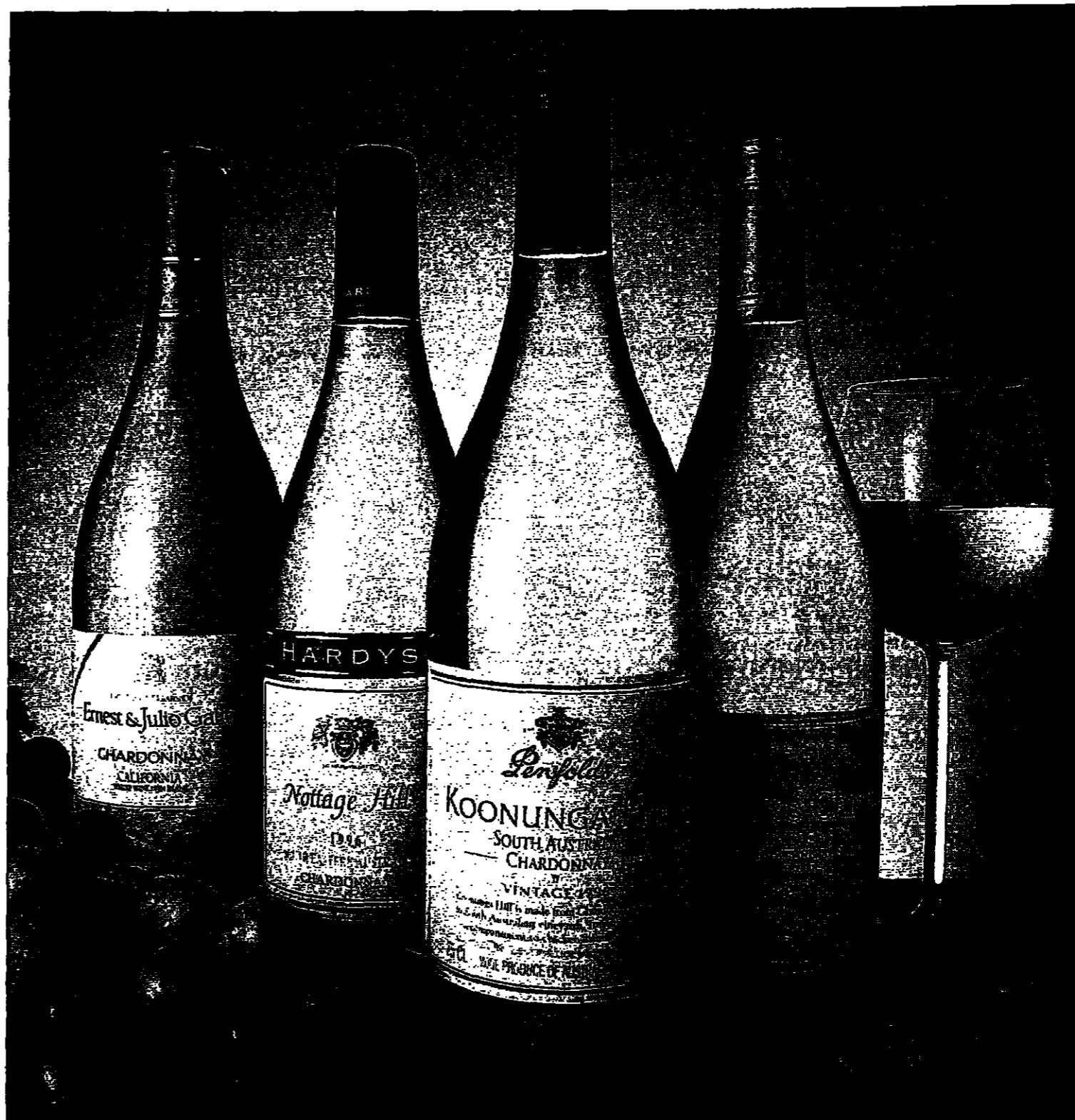
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Patten urges end to 'preposterous' quarantine rules

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

CHRIS PATTEN yesterday urged the Government to scrap the quarantine system. "Like thousands of diplomats, service and business families around the world, I feel the present British quarantine rules are preposterous," the governor of Hong Kong said.

"And yes, I have told the Prime Minister what I think. There is just no scientific basis for them and they risk cruelty to animals. But with new safeguards we can get rid of the rules without undermining public health."

He hopes that Britain will reach a cross-party consensus on the issue before his peers are forced into kennels next summer. His Norfolk terriers Whisky and Soda are treated as celebrities in rabies-free Hong Kong — they have even featured in Chinese cartoons.

Mr Patten said he received more letters about the British quarantine regulations than any other issue and believed scrapping the system would win votes. The present arrangements were not working because many families could not afford quarantine and were smuggling their pets into the country, he said.

He wants a reform with a wider application than countries of the European Union. "I think it would be very curious if they applied it just to

THE CASE AGAINST

■ Quarantine is costly and upsetting to pets and owners, which could increase the temptation to smuggle animals

the EU and not generally. Provided the animals carry a microchip, have been inoculated, have a certificate and are tested on arrival in Britain, it should not make too much difference which country they came from."

Mr Patten and his wife, Lavender, are taking the precaution of considering which quarantine kennels they might have to use. Their bill would be considerably less than that for the British High Commissioner to Cyprus, who has 14 cats and a dog. David Madden and his wife, Anthea, are already worrying about the cost, even though he has another two years in his post.

The couple will seek new homes in Cyprus for some of their cats but intend to return to Oxford with at least five cats, the dog and a bill for £3,000. Mrs Madden said last night that she hoped the Government would change the regulations.

"Of course we have always accepted the quarantine rules. But I do think now it is encouraging that there seems to be another way to prevent rabies from getting into the

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By MICHAEL HORNBY
AGRICULTURE
CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 150 dogs and cats pass each year through the Precious Pet Valley quarantine kennels at Newnham, Gloucestershire, generating gross earnings of about £200,000 for Guy Tamplin, the owner.

Mr Tamplin takes a dim view of proposals to scrap the quarantine system, not simply, he says, because such a change would threaten the business in which he has invested £800,000 over ten years. He thinks the Government would be misreading

A WOMAN whose dog died in quarantine believes there should be legal recourse for owners against what she believes is a cruel system.

Eileen Thompson, from Watford, Hertfordshire, has just returned to Britain after her American husband retired from a military career. She blames stress for the death of her 11-year-old pet Sadie, which was part German shepherd and part Span-

ish chihuahua. Her second dog, Winston, has completed his quarantine but she said he had lost some of his animal skills and found it difficult to communicate after their month apart.

Mrs Thompson said: "A lot of people suggested we should just smuggle our dogs into Britain and I was very tempted. But I decided we should do things legally. I had no idea what little rights quarantine gives to the owner. You cannot even make a

complaint to the Consumer Council. I really blame the Ministry of Agriculture. They do not have to have quarantine."

Her complaint is against the system, not the kennels — Hill Farm in Leighton Buzzard — nor the staff. Sadie was about halfway through her quarantine when she developed breathing difficulties and kennel staff asked permission for a vet to treat the dog. The vet gave her a 20 per cent chance and then asked if

she could put her down. Mrs Thompson said: "I asked to see her first and drove to the kennels the next day, but there was nothing to be done and the dog was haemorrhaging."

"I think it was stress. She had a full physical before she left the States. Even Winston, who is now home with me, is not 100 per cent.

"He appears to have lost all his animal social skills and for days found it difficult to communicate."

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Prosecutions are mounted under the Rabies (Importation of Dogs, and Other Mammals) order 1974. The maximum fine in a magistrates' court is £2,000 but a case can also be heard before a jury if "there is evidence of deliberate intent".

The penalty in a High Court is an unlimited fine and a maximum one year's prison. In addition, an animal may be destroyed.

■ An Austrian who brought his Irish red setter into Britain on a business trip was fined £500 at Chichester Magistrates' court on Friday for contravening rabies laws.



'Cruel system killed my Sadie'

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

Eileen Thompson with her surviving dog, Winston, and a picture of Sadie, who died in quarantine

Kennel owner points finger at globetrotting pet lovers



Guy Tamplin's kennels house up to 150 pets a year

THE CASE FOR

■ Abolition of quarantine would leave the nation dependent on officials and vets abroad enforcing the new system properly

public opinion and taking an unwarranted risk.

"A lot of the pressure for ending quarantine comes from what I would call café society — rich people who, say, have holiday homes in France and would like to take their dogs back and forth with them," he said. "I very much doubt that most pet owners or

the public at large would like to see quarantine go."

Mr Tamplin is chairman of the Quarantine Kennel Owners' Association, which represents 33 of the 72 authorised quarantine kennels in England and Wales. He is angered by what he sees as the unfair media portrayal of most kennels. "There was a big fuss recently when the dog of a Danish diplomat died in quarantine. It is always sad when a well-loved pet dies but this was a 13-year-old animal with kidney cancer. How any reasonable person could blame its death on quarantine is beyond me."

The survival rate of pets in quarantine, Mr Tamplin says, is better than outside. Last year 117 of the 9,520 dogs and cats that went into quarantine in Britain died during detention, a mortality rate of 1.2 per cent. The national death rate was 10 per cent.

Mr Tamplin's kennels have played host to some of the Royal Family's pets. There are 50 units for dogs and 28 pens for cats set in a fenced enclosure on the side of a wooded hill. Each unit can take up to three animals, provided they

belong to the same owner. Each of the cement-floored dog units has an indoor sleeping area of up to 36 sq ft, with a raised platform serving as a bed which can be heated from underneath. There is an adjacent outdoor exercise yard of up to 160 sq ft, enclosed by low stone walls topped by wire mesh fencing. The units have to be hosed down and disinfected every day. A vet visits the kennels six days a week.

Mr Tamplin's basic boarding fee for a large dog, such as a labrador, is £1.70. The airport handling fee, transport to the kennels in a sealed van and vaccinations bring the total to about £1,740, including VAT. The equivalent figure for a cat is about £1.20. Mr Tamplin has just spent £16,000 on new white-tiled cat quarters, designed to let in maximum sunlight. Each pen has wooden climbing ramps and radiators.

Mr Tamplin would like quarantine kennels much more tightly regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture, which will license any kennel that meets the basic security requirements. Pet importers are warned by the ministry that "the amenities provided are matters entirely for agreement between the animal's owner and the proprietor".

It is only in the past year that a voluntary code of welfare practice, setting out minimum standards, has been introduced for kennel owners.

Britain has proven success against rabies, officials say

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

THE most solid support for maintaining tough quarantine rules has always come from the Ministry of Agriculture. Officials believe the system has a proven record and they are not convinced that Britain would remain free of rabies if quarantine was lifted.

They say quarantine has protected the British people from a horrifying disease that kills thousands in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Keith Meldrum, the chief veterinary officer, has examined alternatives but he wishes to ensure they are foolproof.

MAFF wants to seek assurances that rabies would not transfer to farm animals and is also uncertain of the public's reaction to any change.

There is concern that people would not have confidence in a new system, and would demand vaccines if they were bitten by a dog. Officials also wonder if it would be necessary to impose a compulsory vaccine after dog bites.

Until recently, the British Veterinary Association and the quarantine kennel owners have opposed change but even this opposition has thawed.

They are open to consider sensible alternatives, or even a shorter period in quarantine.

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Smugglers defy law for love or money

BY VALERIE ELLIOTT

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Maori MP holds key to New Zealand coalition

FROM JO ANDREWS IN AUCKLAND

NEW ZEALAND is without a new Government after its first election under mixed-member proportional representation. Politicians are warning that it will take weeks to sort out a coalition after elections held on Saturday.

The man who holds the balance of power, Winston Peters, the populist leader of New Zealand First, went out sailing yesterday to review his political shopping list and refused to take calls. He holds enough seats to put either Labour or the National Party into power. His advice to the other political parties was "calm down". He said: "It is a bidding process. That's what it is all about."

Nobody knows which way Mr Peters will jump. He has announced that he will set up a negotiating team composed of party members, a lawyer and a professional mediator to hammer out a deal. Mr Peters has long been a thorn in the side of the major party lead-

ers. In a generally sober political scene he has become one of the most colourful and outspoken figures.

David Lange, the former Labour Prime Minister, when he was asked for his view of a Labour/New Zealand First coalition, said: "What sort of rabbit invites myrmecism into its burrow?" On another occasion, when Mr Peters was late, Mr Lange accused him of being "detained by a full-length mirror". Until recently even the mention of his name angered Jim Bolger, the Na-

RESULTS

With some votes still to be counted, the results are:

	Seats	% of vote
National Party	44	34.0
Labour	37	22.0
New Zealand First	17	13.0
Alliance	13	10.0
ACT	8	6.1
United	1	0.9
Christian Coalition	0	4.3

ional Prime Minister. Yet nobody in New Zealand doubts Mr Peters's tenacity and his adept political skills.

Mr Peters is a Maori from a big northern tribe, Nga Puhi, and yet he grew up speaking only English. He is one of 11 children and was born in a small town in the far north of the North Island. His father was a farmer and the family grew up in modest circumstances.

Yet at a time when Maoris flocked to vote Labour, Mr Peters became a National MP in 1978. In a prescient moment Sir Robert Muldoon, then National Party Prime Minister, dubbed him "a future leader of the National Party". In many senses Mr Peters is Muldoon's natural inheritor. He certainly draws much of his populist support from that section of the public once known as Rob's Mob: older, white New Zealanders who oppose the recent growth in Asian immigration, who re-

sent seeing foreign business buy New Zealand land. That, plus strong support from Maori voters, who have deserted Labour en masse at this election, has handed Mr Peters the balance of power.

Although Muldoon was right in predicting leadership for Mr Peters, he got the party wrong. Mr Peters did become Maori Affairs Minister for the National Party in 1990, but then fell out with the leadership, publicly opposing the right-wing drift in economic policy. He has never liked the level of charges New Zealanders face for healthcare and tertiary education. He also wants to see an end to the tax introduced to claw back state pensions from the elderly.

These are the areas of common ground with Labour.

Helen Clark, the Labour leader, said last night: "I'm not counting my chickens before they are hatched. Everything depends on Winston now."

Labour's share of the vote was six points down on the last election, but analysts think Mrs Clark has a marginally better chance of forming a coalition with Mr Peters than the National Party. His policies of reducing immigration

by a third and banning land sales to foreigners will be stumbling blocks if he insists on them.

Mr Bolger, the leader of the National Party, who is now a caretaker Prime Minister,



Winston Peters, "reviewing his shopping list" and staying away from the telephone, on his yacht off Tauranga yesterday.

"Winston Peters clearly has a key role to play in the formation of any new government, unless it is to be a minority government." Observers do not expect him to give up power without a fight.

Australian MP issues civil war warning

BY RACHEL BRIDGE

IN SYDNEY

AMALIA is heading for civil war unless it ends immigration and special funding for Aborigines immediately, Pauline Hanson, an independent MP, said yesterday.

Mrs Hanson's outburst comes after her claims last month that Australia was in danger of being swamped by Asians if immigration numbers were not curbed. Her comments have sparked an outbreak of racial intolerance that has split the Government and seen Asians spat at in the street.

Mrs Hanson said yesterday that Australia's present "separatist" policies towards migrants and Aborigines could lead to violence between different races.

"When you look at what is going on in Ireland, Bosnia, Rwanda - civil wars because of different races, different cultures - that is what I do not want to see in this country. Everyone should be treated the same," she said.

Although John Howard, the Prime Minister, has said that he rejects racial intolerance, he has also refused to criticise Mrs Hanson directly, in the belief that it would give her views added prominence.

Amnesty appeals for world court

BY MICHAEL BINION

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AMALIA International today launches a world appeal to establish a permanent International Criminal Court by 2000, which it says could prevent the mass human rights violations seen this century.

Pierre Sané, the Secretary-General, said: "Since the UN was set up, millions of people have been detained in concentration camps, tortured, raped, bombed in undefended villages, towns and cities, deported, 'disappeared' or been victims of extrajudicial executions or mass extinctions."

Amnesty argues that these crimes are of universal jurisdiction, under which any state is duty-bound by international law to bring those responsible to justice when they are found within its territory or under its control.

The UN has two international tribunals examining war crimes and genocide in former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. Mr Sané welcomed these as a stop-gap, but said crimes against humanity in Argentina, Cambodia, Iraq and Liberia have largely gone unpunished.

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Republicans start to give up on Dole as hopeless cause

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ANGRY conservative Republicans began publicly abandoning Bob Dole at the weekend, and even the candidate conceded that he may lose America's presidential election three weeks from tomorrow. "I'm prepared for that," Mr Dole said in a remarkable admission. "If we work hard and do our best and lose, it's not what we want but it's something I could accept."

Yesterday's conservative *Weekly Standard* magazine bluntly declared that "barring the possibility of some freak event or act of unprecedented self-destruction by Bill Clinton, this year's presidential campaign is over".

It called the Dole campaign "incompetent", said Mr Dole and his running-mate, Jack Kemp, had "failed to fulfil their responsibilities as party leaders", and issued a warning of a "serious risk that the Dole-Kemp ticket will spin through its drain with sufficient deadly speed to suck the entire 1994 congressional revolution right down with it". It urged Republican congressional candidates to distance themselves from the ticket.

The Dole campaign labelled William Kristol, Editor of the *Standard* and a leading Republican strategist, "the first rat", but Marin Mawyer, head of the 250,000-member Christian Action Network, delivered an equally scathing attack in *The Washington Post*. He accused Mr Dole of abandoning Christian conservatives in a futile quest for



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centrist votes. His consultants had assured him the conservatives had nowhere else to go but "we don't have to go anywhere to guarantee a Democratic victory. All we have to do on election day is stay home, and that's what an increasing number of pro-family, born-again voters plan to do".

Mr Dole meanwhile sum-

moned his advisers to an urgent strategy session in Washington, and agreed that although the Clintons' private lives should remain beyond the bounds of the campaign, they would start aggressively attacking ethical lapses at the White House. The Dole campaign seized on new news disclosures that Mr Clinton and the Democratic Party accepted huge, possibly illegal, contributions from Indonesian businessmen in return for Oval Office access.

"This will make Watergate look like a tea party," claimed Scott Reed, Mr Dole's cam-

paign manager.

The President has been

soliciting money from foreign nationals? The greatest power in the world being rented to foreigners? This is a scandal that has historic implications," declared Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker.

Senator John McCain, a top Dole adviser, demanded that a special prosecutor investigate, but Al Gore, the Vice-President, insisted that the contributions were legal.

Mr Kemp, who angered his party by refusing to attack the President in last week's vice-presidential debate, recalled that Mr Clinton had promised "the most ethical administration in history". He continued: "Four years later, the words that seem to characterise the ethics of this Administration are words like Travaglia, Filegate, independent counsels and possible presidential pardons".

Those problems added up to "a pattern that is sad and troubling... An arrogance of power. The avoidance of responsibility. The habit of half-truths. For this Administration taking credit is everything and the truth is expendable."

To date the "character" issue appears no more damaging to Mr Clinton than it did in 1992. Voters seem concerned only with his performance, and on Saturday he trumpeted new FBI figures

showing that the crime rate had fallen to its lowest level in a decade. Murders fell by 8 per cent last year and violent crime by 4 per cent.



Actress joins Aids march

candlelit march from Capitol Hill to a rally at Lincoln Memorial.

An AIDS Memorial Quilt was laid along Washington's Mall for the first time in four years, and the half-million

rating about 70,000 of America's 350,000 AIDS victims. Another 2,000 sheets had been added since Friday alone, and the quilt stretched a full mile, from the Capitol to the Washington Monument. It has grown so large that it may never again be displayed in its entirety.

WORLD SUMMARY

Peres and Arafat hold talks

Jerusalem: Shimon Peres, Israel's former Labour Prime Minister, was recalled from the political wilderness yesterday for talks with Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader (Christopher Walker writes).

After their talks in Nablus, the Palestinian leader called on Israel to remain "faithful" to signed agreements. Mr Peres told his fellow Nobel peace laureate that he "should not lose hope". It was announced that Mr Peres had also been invited to meet President Mubarak of Egypt.

Papua peace leader killed

Port Moresby: A gunman shot dead the premier of the rebellion-torn Papua New Guinea province of Bougainville, dealing a crippling blow to peace in the copper-rich territory, officials said. Theodore Mirring, a peace advocate, was shot in the back while having a meal with his family. "This act of madness has hit at the heart and soul of the nation," Julius Chan, the Prime Minister, said, calling for calm. (AP)

Mandela rejects 'Africa force'

Cape Town: An American proposal for an African crisis intervention force has been rejected by President Mandela of South Africa (Inigo Gilmore writes). He told Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who had been on a five-nation tour to win support for the plan, that only the United Nations could give such a force credibility.

Deaf jury wanted for rape trial

Riverside, California: The defense in a rape trial here wants an all-deaf jury on the basis that the accused, victim and key witnesses are all deaf. At the least, Jesse Macias's lawyers say, the jury should be fluent in sign language. The alleged attack is said to have happened at the California School for the Deaf. (AP)

Chinese dissident foils police and escapes to Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

ONE of China's most tenacious dissidents, Wang Xizhe, has escaped a police dragnet and is sheltering in Hong Kong.

Mr Wang, whose campaign for democracy dates back 22 years, had arrived in the British colony and was expected to leave soon. Robin Munro, the Hong Kong director of Human Rights Watch/Asia, confirmed last night.

Mr Wang, who was wanted in China for collaborating on a petition with Liu Xiaobo, a Tiananmen activist and former prisoner who was sentenced last week to three years in a labour camp, is said by friends to be awaiting pos-

sible entry into the United States. His wife said yesterday at their home in Guangdong that she knows her husband was safe but did not know his whereabouts. He disappeared from his home last week after Mr Liu was detained.

Their petition, published last month, demanded that President Jiang Zemin be impeached for violating the constitution by stating that the army was subject to party and not state control.

Mr Wang, 47, a Cantonese factory worker, is a veteran petitioner and political prisoner. In 1974, two years before Mao's death, he was jailed for five years for pasting up with the previous year.



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BY QUENTIN LETTS

THE "last great saloon" of America has closed. The Lion's Head Tavern in New York, where a young Bob Dylan played in a back room in the Sixties and where a generation of writers anaesthetised their scribbling thumbs, closed at the weekend after the sort of rent increase that can turn a man to drink.

Regulars used to include Norman Mailer, the writer, Ed Koch, the former Mayor, and Jackie Mason, the comedian. Pete Hamill, the writer, in his memoirs *A Drinking Life*, said of the Lion's Head: "I don't think New York bars

New York's 'last great saloon' reaches the end of the bottle

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

ever had such a glorious mixture of newspapermen, painters, musicians, seamen, ex-communists, priests and nuns, athletes, stockbrokers, politicians and folk singers, bound together in the leveling democracy of drink."

The last bourbon was poured on Saturday night, after a busy evening which saw old-timers drop in for one last "swift 'un". Michael Reardon, the landlord, said:

"The rent is too high — simple as that." The Lion's Head opened in 1966 and, with its neighbour *The Village Voice* newspaper, set the off-beat

tone for Greenwich Village and Christopher Street.

Prettiness was never a pre-requisite at the Lion's Head, either from the clientele or the bar. It was dingy and smoke-tinted and the air was sticky with lost dreams. Such places were once de rigueur in New York, but their place has been taken by designer coffee bars or theme restaurants with dual atmosphere and toothpaste-charm bartenders.

The future of the site was not immediately known, but it will probably be turned into a Hispanic bodega or a health food store.

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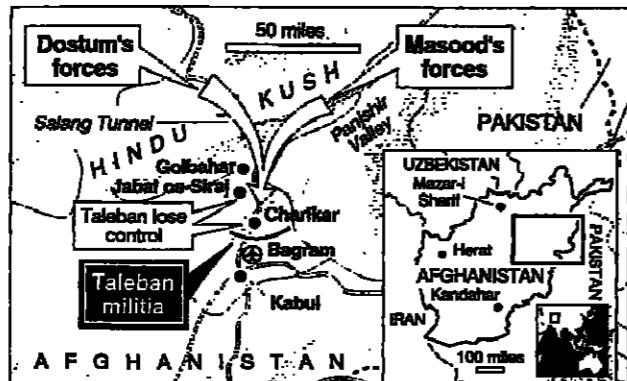
Taleban loses its grip on two Afghan towns

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS
IN KABUL

A SECOND town north of Kabul, the Afghan capital, has fallen to the forces of General Ahmed Shah Masood, the commander of the former government forces, informed sources said yesterday.

The sources said that Charikar, a 90-minute drive north of Kabul, fell late on Saturday after five hours of fierce fighting between General Masood's forces and the Taleban Islamic militia, which drove him from the capital two weeks ago. They said it fell a few hours after the general took Jabol-e-Siraj, the Taleban frontline headquarters town at the mouth of the Salang Pass through the Hindu Kush mountains.

The loss of the two towns has cut off a crucial supply route to Taleban's forward troops. This is a disaster for the fighters, who have been decisively beaten back from their assault on forces of the



former Government in the Panjshir Valley and from the Salang Pass.

There was fierce close-quarters street fighting in Charikar, and if its fall is confirmed, the setback would leave Taleban little option but to fight its way back to Kabul, which is heavily fortified. The Bagram airbase near Charikar is also under attack, although Taleban said last night that it was still under its control.

Taleban has barred journal-

ists from the front line, presumably because it does not want its losses seen. It is increasingly hostile to reporters: television cameraman had his camera smashed, a photographer narrowly missed being hit on the head when a brick was thrown at him and a gunman threatened to kill some international news agency correspondents if he saw them again.

Taleban, which controls three-quarters of Afghanistan, has plainly spread its forces too soon. It is underestimated the power of General Masood, a renowned guerrilla fighter against the former Soviet Union. The mood in Kabul is tense, although the streets are busy. There are fewer Taleban forces in the capital and the tanks that stood on street corners, some decorated with tinsel and plastic flowers in a gesture of peace, have disappeared. Both men and armour have presumably gone north.

There is trouble elsewhere for Taleban, too. The country's



Afghan refugees flee fighting north of Kabul, as aid agencies make plans to withdraw their staff from the city

most important military airbase, at Shindad, near the western city of Herat, has come under hit-and-run attacks. The military map of Kabul could see big changes in the next weeks or months.

Taleban's dream of raising its plain white flag throughout the country is now dead and the priority is to hold on to existing territory. It is certain to face subversive activity in Kabul. The soldiers' tension is

demonstrated by the constant rate of gunfire and the sound of weapons being tested.

There are many wounded Taleban fighters in Kabul military hospital and there have plainly been many

deaths. The warriors pitched themselves against men who are fighting on their own turf: General Masood's soldiers, who come from the nearby Panjshir, know every track and hill.

Kabul terrified by regime of the lash

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

KABUL suddenly fears its Taleban rulers. Seventeen days ago the fighters were greeted as liberators: now they are hated as persecutors. The shoot-on-sight curfew has been moved forward an hour to 9pm, a sign of panic as the Islamic army loses its grip on the city's one million people.

It feels isolated in the capital, persecuted internationally, and under pressure on the battlefield. It is despised in Kabul for forcibly rounding up young men for war. Many youths have fled the city, fearing they will be recruited for frontline combat. Taleban's strict Islamic code is held in contempt and there is resentment of aggressive house searches for weapons and subversive literature.

A single-sheet underground newspaper has appeared: anybody found with a copy is certain of severe punishment. Kabul Radio, renamed Radio Sharif, announced that anyone found on the streets after curfew would be dealt with harshly — especially foreign journalists who were "misreporting the news".

Its pronouncements give the impression that criticism of Taleban amounts to criticism of Islam, a punishable offence. Most men in Kabul

resent orders to attend mosques five times daily — with a 20-lash penalty for non-compliance. Mosques have been given a list of men living in the area, and names must be ticked off each prayer-time by the mullahs.

Young men have been apprehended in the street and their long hair cut off — despite the shoulder-length hair favoured by Taleban fighters. Almost every private car, save for taxis, has been commandeered. The terror of bombing and shelling in the city has ended for now, but Taleban has replaced it with the terror of repression. Parents have begged foreign aid workers to find sons taken away during house-to-house searches. They said their distressed children had been told they were being given the chance to die for Islam.

Taleban's mood, friendly and buoyant when its forces captured Kabul last month, has hardened in part because of international hostility over its treatment of women. The fighters are mystified at the foreign reaction to its policies on women. "Does the West criticise Saudi Arabia for the way it treats women?" a senior civil servant and supporter of Taleban asks.

Vital Kurdish city is recaptured by anti-Saddam group

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

KURDISH rebels opposed to Baghdad recaptured their main stronghold of Sulaimaniya near the Iranian border yesterday and were reported to fighting their way to the northern city of Arbil.

America was waiting last night to see whether President Saddam Hussein would intervene. United Nations sources said that Sulaimaniya, home to nearly a million people, fell to the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) before dawn with virtually no resistance from Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) forces which had captured the city with equal ease last month.

The swift reversal brought a sharp shift in the balance of power in northern Iraq and surprised diplomats who now fear that the area will be plunged into more turmoil that could also suck in Iraqi and Iranian forces on opposing sides.

President Clinton launched punitive cruise missile attacks against Iraqi targets when Saddam's forces helped the KDP to overrun Arbil on August 31. The city's fall meant the collapse of a CIA-backed operation in northern Iraq aimed at toppling the Iraqi leader who was given a foothold in the rebellious region for the first time since the Gulf War when the Western allies established an air umbrella to protect the Kurds.

Iraqi leaders urged the warring factions to stop fighting, resume peace talks with Baghdad and to stay away from outside powers, an apparent reference to Iran. The KDP said it abandoned Sulaimaniya after a large force of Iranian Revolutionary Guards crossed the border in support of PUK forces and

had launched heavy artillery and missile bombardments. Massoud Barzani, the KDP's leader, called for international help against "Iran's brutal invasion".

The PUK said its forces had

supported a "spontaneous uprising" by the residents of Sulaimaniya who "were rejecting Saddam's rule and the KDP's co-operation with him". The PUK denied it had received any Iranian assistance, but Western diplomats said it was likely that the faction had at least received logistical support.

Some opposition groups predicted the PUK would retake Arbil within days and there were reports of heavy fighting at strategic towns and villages between the two main cities. The PUK said it had recaptured the Dokun Dam, a crucial hydroelectric plant.

The PUK had been expected to regroup and make a comeback, but not so soon. It was routed last month and many of its senior officials, including Jalal Talabani, its veteran leader, were reported to have fled to Iran. "Sulaimaniya was always Talabani's territory and it will be hard to dislodge him now unless Saddam Hussein brings in his army," an Arab diplomat in Syria said.

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Starting Today: an investigation into the growing crisis of male identity

THE SECOND SEX?

Ten years ago, Martin Amis would not have begun a novel, as he did *The Information*, saying: "Cities at night, I feel, contain men who cry in their sleep and then say Nothing."

But then ten years ago the shelves of newsagents were not sagging under the weight of magazines dedicated exclusively to male fears and anxieties. *Men's Health*, *Maxim*, *GQ Active*, *AL*—these are just some of the publications that have exploited the masculine backlash against the hegemony of feminism and its marginalisation of traditional male virtues.

Few doubt that men are suffering a spectacular loss of confidence. They are tormented by images of male perfection confronting them in film and magazines (male plastic surgery is a boom area). More and more women are breaking through the metaphorical glass ceiling in the workplace.

Wage differentials are closing: one in five women now earns more than her husband, whose job, in any event, is no longer secure; senior executives are finding themselves redundant at 40. With the advent of in-vitro fertilisation and sperm banks, men are no longer functionally necessary for reproduction.

Women also live longer, with men being more than twice as likely to die before 65. The feeling persists that, while women's health issues are given due prominence, men's healthcare is being neglected. The only predominantly male illness to receive any kind of attention is Aids and that probably only because the gay community is so vocal.

As Helen Wilkinson, the project director of the indepen-

dent think-tank Demos, says: "Gender politics in the Nineties seem to be dominated by men trying to be more like women—complaining about their oppression, their status as victims and how the world is conspiring against them."

So where did it come from, this feeling of impotence and redundancy? Sociologists such as Charles Murray have looked to black America for a possible answer. In October last year, for instance, Louis Farrakhan and his fanatical, austere Nation of Islam, organised the Million Man March in Washington (in fact, an estimated 800,000 black men turned up).

What underpinned the march was the long-held recognition that, in many black American families, the male was a redundant figure. When Farrakhan, with his short hair, bow-ties and suits, preaches his creed of discipline, self-worth, family values and self-improvement, many black males glimpse a world that has been lost.

Certainly in many black households, particularly in poor or inner-city ghettos such as those in New York or Detroit, the woman is the dominant figure, providing guidance and leadership to her children. The male is either absent or defeated by his inability to find work. Many feminists in America have drawn inspiration from the matriarchal structure of black families. If these women can carve out a tough, independent identity from entirely indifferent circumstances, and without the influence of men, then so can they.

In this country, there have so far been two responses to the crisis in male identity, or



Under the heel of feminism: New Man is likely to find himself stressed out, in poor health, underperforming in the bedroom and frightened for his future in the workplace

should we say the loss of the privileged status of men. The first, as typified by *Loaded* magazine and its celebration of archetypal male vulgarity, is regressive, though it considers itself to be assertive.

It involves an ironic retreat into traditional gender stereotypes, with the male as little more than a boorish consumer of fast food, alcohol and pornography. In this model, the woman is but a glamorously submissive appendage.

The second and more interesting response has seen a generation of young writers —

• JASON COWLEY

In the 1970s, when the flight from the land and agricultural work was at its height, doctors began to notice that an increasing number of men were complaining of impotence. If Mellors, *Lady Chatterley's lover*, had been taken away from his woods to the pavements of a Midland town, Sir Clifford might never have been cuckolded, and D.H. Lawrence's book would have been very boring.

The tensions of urban life, with the daily rat race in the office or the tedium of the factory line, together with the break-up of the traditional hierarchical country family with the man at its head, had undermined male sexual prowess.

However, not all the news from the marital front was bad. Many countrywomen, tired from slaving in their under-equipped houses, had taken a minimal interest in sex, characterised by a low libido and a lack of orgasms. These women's sexual dysfunction vanished once they started to live among the bright lights of the cities. The problem was that the women now had the desire, but the men had lost their spontaneous ability, so that it was the women who had become the instigators of sexual activity — another male role gone.

Male status in the past 20 or 30 years has been diminished in places other than the bedroom. At about the same time as research on potency was being carried out, other psychologists were looking at job

DR THOMAS STUTTAFOORD



interviews. Contrary to received opinion, the research showed women were even then more likely to be preferred for a job when two external candidates of equal worth were being interviewed.

Men are now challenged for supremacy at work and at home, and they often fail the challenge. The problems this perceived failure causes becomes more acute when a working woman is the dominant partner at home. The man brought up in an earlier age to consider himself as the potential leader finds himself subservient to one woman in his office and to another in his house.

Across nature the male has a territory which he expects to control. One only has to watch a dog when a family moves house; its first re-

action is to mark out the boundaries where it intends to hold sway. What happens in our society if nature is defied? For most well orientated men all is well; they learn to adapt to change and to cope by becoming partners with their wives in their home, and colleagues with women at work. If men do adapt to change, their health does not suffer but other, less adaptable men will feel that their self-esteem is tarnished.

The most obvious early signs of stress-induced frustration and irritation are such symptoms as an increased

stress and strain caused by the competition of women may bring on an acute attack.

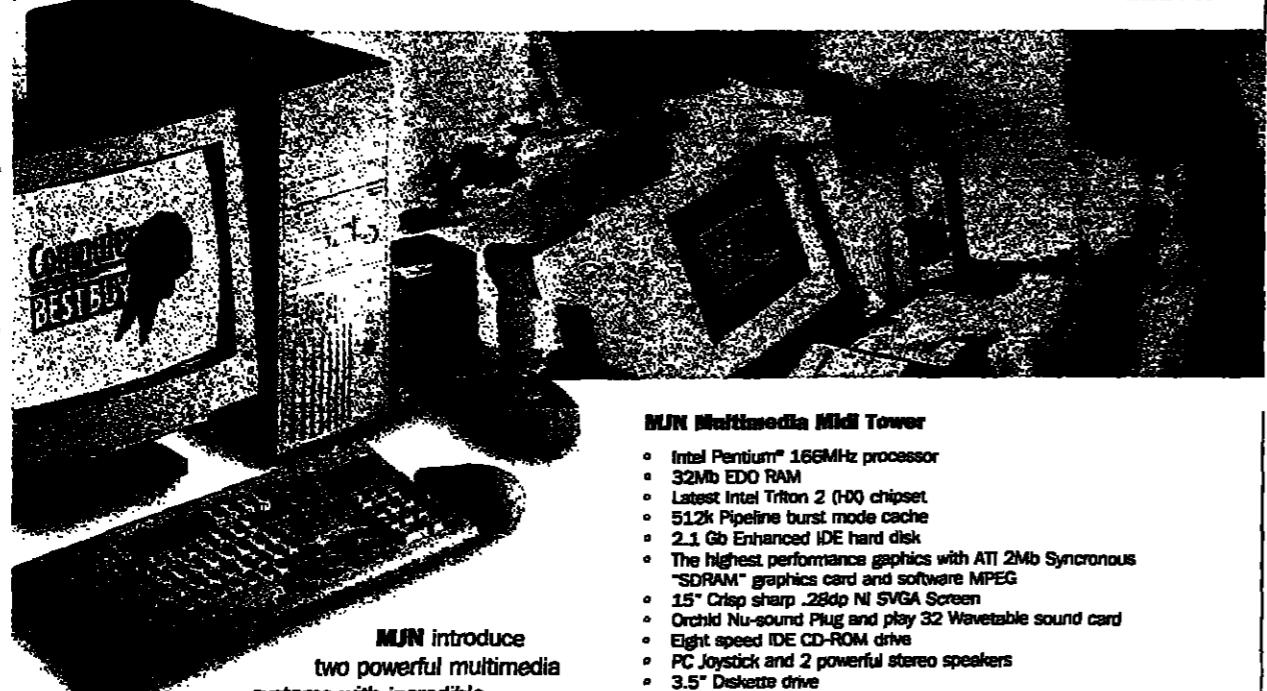
The health of the man who suffers from stress because unconsciously or consciously he resents being stripped of his primitive right to command, is likely to deteriorate over the years. Persistent stress causes changes in the body's immune system, so that the patient is more likely to fall prey to infectious diseases and to malignancies.

The patient will age prematurely and his high blood pressure may lead to heart or kidney disease and, if not treated adequately, to strokes. Others will suffer gastric or duodenal ulcers, from inflammatory bowel disease and from skin troubles.

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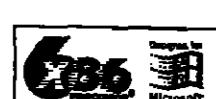
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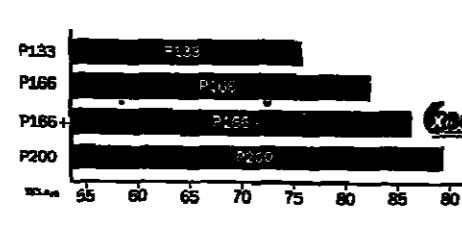
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WHERE FEMALES RULE

Although the human female appears to be getting the upper hand in the battle of the sexes, we aren't a patch on our sisters in the animal kingdom.

The praying mantis is probably the best-known example of female dominance in animals. If the female insect is hungry, she will begin mating, pull her partner's head off, finish mating, then eat him.

In the rigidly organised worlds of ants, wasps and bees, outsize queens rule. The lowly males are at her beck and call, although she will also suppress the other females in her empire.

The naked mole rat community also boasts a queen, who, according to Frank Wheeler, assistant keeper of small mammals at London Zoo, gains her status by using a combination of headbutting and fear-inducing hormones to stifle the other females' sexual development.

Lemurs are a very female-dominated species. The females wander around in gangs of about 15, with the males hanging cautiously round the edges. Males are allowed to penetrate this inner sanctum only during the mating season and only after

being invited in. "At other times they enter at their peril," Mr Wheeler says. "They will be attacked if the females are not on heat."

The male dwarf mongoose is programmed to be subservient, while the dominant female tries to solicit every passing male.

Elephants stamp around in matriarchal herds. "Baby elephants are allowed in the group until they are about ten years old," Mr Wheeler says.

Then they get chucked out and hang together in bachelor groups. If they try to get in again, they will be told in no uncertain terms to go away. After all, we're talking about big ladies."

Female wilfulness may not always work to the advantage of a species. Take the rat kangaroo, for example. During the mating season, the male's testes dangle perilously from a thin membrane. This is not a great asset if his intended partner isn't in the mood, Mr Wheeler says. "The female will kick out, and if she catches his scrotal sac he can wave it goodbye."

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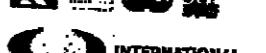
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And I'll tell you exactly why it hasn't, just as soon as I've finished hanging the washing on the line and sewn a few of these name tapes into the children's gym kit.

The reason that it hasn't suddenly become a woman's world is that it has *always* been a woman's world. You don't have to look any further than Italy and Japan, two of the countries most steeped in the spirit of machismo and the legend of the domineering male, to see that behind the veil they are hopelessly patriarchal societies. Even the biggest Sicilian Mafia whimpers like a scolded by his mama. Every Japanese man's life is run by his wife; she even gives him pocket money every week from his own wage packet. Like King Canute, we men have occasionally let ourselves be deluded into thinking that maybe it was we who controlled the tides, which worked fine as long as the sea was going out. But now the tide has started to come in we are being drowned by the evidence.

The *Economist* has just written a leader about man's losing battle to keep up. In his new film, *Multiplicity*, Michael Keaton duplicates his body in an attempt to spread himself around, and thereby create enough time for his wife, his work and his family. And this from the superhero who once played *Batman*.

Jack Lang, the French politician, has written a book called *Tomorrow Belongs To Women*, which shows just how blind people can be: can it only now have dawned on the French, a country whose prime male contribution to national culture is Johnny Halliday, that its women have always been its greatest asset?

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Frankly, women's behaviour today seems just a little bit ungrateful, given how many trumps they already hold in their hand. You give women some equality, some social slack, remove the glass ceiling, and before you know it they think they can live quite happily, thank you, in a world without all those things men offer society, such as world wars, construction site bottom-cleavage, porn movies, DIY cupboard, that never close properly, inane armchair football commentary, and the selfless ability to wear the same shirt 12 days running if their wife hasn't yet got around to washing and ironing a clean one.

Women have to juggle only their job and their family. But we men today have to juggle our job, our family and our wife's career, which is pretty ironic when you think that women wouldn't even have careers if certain generous types (I'm not mentioning names, but it's a short word that begins with M and ends in S) hadn't been big-hearted enough to give them the vote in the first place.

Last week, for instance, I was left looking after our children when my wife went off to the Frankfurt Book Fair. There, publishers from every continent promote literature by running up huge entertainment expenses in the knowledge that, however big their hotel bills, they will still look keen when accountants set them against the publishing industry's collective backlog of unearned authors' advances, which are roughly the size of Colombia's black economy.

Naturally, attending this event is a key part of my wife's job, which is why she diligently flies off to Frankfurt every autumn. But the important thing is that she feels confident about going because she knows that the children are safe in my hands, especially our one-year-old daughter, who is not yet tall enough actually to reach the front door handle. So obviously she must still be in the house somewhere, and will no doubt surprise us by turning up any day now in some amusingly unexpected corner, like under the sofa, or possibly northern Wisconsin.

Luckily, men are now well adapted to cope with this extra burden, and we pride ourselves in being particularly inventive when it comes to improvising — by, for example, using the colander-like drum of the washing machine when we can't find the spa-



Hollywood star Daryl Hannah takes the role of aggressive female to the limit

ghetti strainer! (Be honest, when did you last come across a woman with the ingenuity to do that?; or bathing the children with their clothes on, thus saving time on running their laundry through the washing machine, which is anyway temporarily unusable because of a build-up of Dazzle-flavoured pasta.)

It's not that we men expect any thanks for all this. After all they are our children, whom we chose to father even though we had the attractive alternative of using our many gamblers to repopulate the whole of North and South America instead. But have you noticed how many women now look on men with a glint of pity?

Women today actually feel superior to men. They will even go to great lengths to make men feel more inadequate than many already are.

There is little doubt that it is women, writing under masculine pseudonyms, who pen all those articles in men's magazines like *Maxim* about how to bring your partner to multiple orgasm: these articles come with step-by-step guides which would be of use in bedrooms only to men who have the fingertip dexterity of a watch repairer, the stamina of a whale, and a stretch of spare time they can earmark for sexual activity. If you're going to follow these guides thoroughly, it looks as if you have to set aside quite a lot of time. Like the whole of 1997.

On top of all this, we are expected to look like Brad Pitt, or Paul Newman, with washboard stomachs and a face so smooth that it has fewer flaws than a bungalow. Forget that shine on your shoes, do something about that shine on your nose. What a palaver! And it would be just too embarrassing if people overheard you on the phone every other day

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Oh dear, your photographer has just arrived," sighs Jack Gordon, a 35-year-old sports advertising consultant. "And I've got to pick Rufus up from school."

You know that a chap's spiritual journey from overworked executive to New Man is complete when even an appointment with a *Times* photographer has to fit around his four-year-old son.

Mr Gordon set up his business in 1973, two years before he got married. Following the example of his own mother, his wife Jane stayed at their home in Chiswick to look after their two daughters, Bryony, now 16, and Naomi, 13, while he worked a 12-hour day.

"At the start of any new enterprise you are enthusiastic and motivated, and I really wanted it to be a success," he recalls.

"When we had Bryony, my lifestyle didn't change that much. Even Naomi's birth

didn't have that great an impact."

He began gradually to rethink his life when his daughters had grown up. Then Rufus came along: "That was probably what set me on the road to Damascus," he admits.

"Before, I was used to having everything my own way. I put myself before others. I recognised that a new balance needed to be struck, and decided that I wasn't going to miss another opportunity to see my child grow up. Perhaps it was because it was a boy, but I felt I could really be part of his life." Now he regards Sam to 5pm as a long day, and the children come first — he does the school runs at least three times a week.

That reassessment was well timed. A few years before Rufus was born, Mrs Gordon's career as a writer suddenly blossomed. Running around after the children was no longer feasible. So Mr Gordon found himself thrust into the throng of Volvos lined up outside school to collect the Gordon offspring, or cheering

them on in school races. "It was tough, actually, being among all those housewives."

Mr Gordon doesn't doubt that life for men is more stressful than ever before, because both men and women want satisfying careers. "Women don't just have aspirations, they have the talent to fulfil those aspirations," he says. "So it is not surprising that women are saying: 'Hey, I earn money too, so I want you to take more responsibility at home!'"

The aggressive, powerhouse atmosphere in the

extra holiday, and keeping the kids in private schools, required two incomes.

Mr Gordon thinks that is why men have got no option but to take responsibility. "When you have children, you still have to finance the lifestyle to which you are accustomed, and then you have the children's education to think about. So you both still need to work. In which case, it is not acceptable for the man to turn around and refuse to take on responsibility. But it does mean being all things — worker, husband and father — at once. Luckily, we do seem to be shifting from the brush old days into the caring Nineties."

The success of his wife has eased the change. Mrs Gordon has signed a lucrative publishing deal and had her latest book optioned for a film. And Mr Gordon's Chelsea-based business, which handles Fred Perry sports wear, is doing well.

Despite this, he suffers the occasional pang over his change of lifestyle. "I had been chasing this client for six months, and he called me this morning. But the kids held me up and I wasn't here when he called. I was in such a state. Luckily it all worked out OK but you do wonder if people think you're not doing your job."

As Mr Gordon about his son and you discover that, for years, New Man trapped in red braces. "I have taught Rufus to swim, ride a bike, and only last week I watched him score a goal. As I'm an advertising man, I have to say that those achievements reach the parts that others can't. There is simply no equal."

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Shock for cosmologists □ Cancer tests

Scientists hit galactic G-spot

One of the most bizarre features of the Universe has just been provided with an equally odd explanation. Three Mexican researchers believe that it is a variation in the gravitational constant, G, which explains why galaxies form distinct groups in the sky, placed 400 million light years apart.

The story began with the discovery in the 1970s by William Tifft, of the University of Arizona, that the speeds of the galaxies he studied were always a multiple of 72 kilometres per second.

He deduced this from red shifts, the shift in the spectrum of light which tells us how fast the galaxies are receding and, indirectly, how far away they are. Red shifts

should be able to take any value, but Dr Tifft seemed to show they were "quantised" — restricted to certain values.

This appeared impossible, but more recent research by Bill Napier at Oxford and Bruce Guthrie of the Edinburgh Royal Observatory confirmed it. Explaining why is very tricky, unless you assume that red shifts don't really tell us anything about speed or distance, and that would undermine the whole basis of cosmology.

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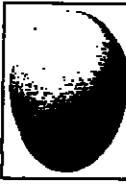


SCIENCE BRIEFING
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They then calculate the mass of dilatons needed to make G vary in the right way, and find that it neatly accounts for the Universe's "missing mass" — matter that ought to be there but can't be seen. What is more, the theory comes up with the right age for the Universe, and the right abundance of protons and neutrons.

"We were very surprised to see the numbers fit," Dr Sudarsky says. Not half as surprised as cosmologists are going to be if this model turns out to be true.

Turkey eggs to the rescue



TO CHECK whether chemicals can cause cancer, toxicologists usually have to rely on animal tests. Now researchers from the American Health Foundation in Valhalla, New York, and the German chemical company Bayer have come up with an alternative which is quicker, and which causes no pain — turkey eggs.

The suspect chemical is injected into the fertilised egg, which is then placed in an incubator. Eggs develop rapidly, so any chemical capable of disrupting the process is likely to do so. Four days before they are due to hatch, the turkey embryos are removed and examined for changes characteristic of cancer. The whole process takes less than four weeks, and once proven may save other animals months of testing.



Saluting old men: a 1974 Nobel laureates' gathering features winners past and present, including the Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn (bearded)

Give young men wings

Nobel prizes should be awarded for new fields of study, not longevity, says Nigel Hawkes

Nobody knows who invented the wheel. If only we did, he would be in line for a Nobel prize just about now.

Alfred Nobel specified in his will that his prizes to be awarded to those who, *during the preceding year*, had conferred the greatest benefit on mankind. But that has long been something of a joke. This year's prize for physics, awarded last week, went to three Americans who did their work on superfluid helium more than 20 years ago.

That's nothing compared with one of last year's winners, Frederick Reines, who won his prize 40 years after proving the existence of the neutrino. In 1993 the accolade went to Clifford Shull and Bertram Brockhouse, for work on neutron scattering begun at the end of the Second World War.

These days, discoveries are in the textbooks and part of the undergraduate curriculum before the Nobel Committee has even got around to recognising them. The Swedish Academy of Sciences, which is responsible for the chemistry and physics prizes, argues that science cannot be judged too quickly

ly, but it surely doesn't take 40 years to decide that the neutrino is important. (True, Sir Harold Kroto, together with two Americans, won this year's chemistry prize for the discovery of new forms of carbon a mere 11 years ago.)

It wasn't always so. The prizes were first awarded in 1901, after protests by Nobel's family into the terms of his will had been set aside. In the early years the academicians were light on their feet, awarding prizes swiftly. Kammerlingh Onnes discovered superconductivity in 1911, and got the prize in 1913; Max von Laue discovered X-ray diffraction in 1912, and won the 1914 prize.

The next year, William and Lawrence Bragg were awarded the prize for following up von Laue's discovery and inventing the technique of X-ray crystallography.

It is true that the committee dragged its heels over Albert Einstein, who won his prize in 1921 for work done in 1905, but it has always been slower to acknowledge

the work of theorists. If you want to win a Nobel Prize for Physics, don't trouble to rewrite Newton's laws, as Einstein did; find a new particle.

Does it matter that the Nobel prize has become the equivalent of the Order of Merit, an accolade for longevity? It does, because while it is nice to salute old men, it is much better to give young men wings.

One major purpose of the prize is, or should be, the encouragement of a new field of study. What use to neutron diffraction was a prize to two old-age pensioners? The long delays are also unfair to those who die young, because the prize is never awarded posthumously.

Can anything be done to ginger up the prizes? They do go broadly to the right people, but too late. There is a simple way out of the difficulty, though I doubt it will appeal to the academy.

This year's prizes were worth

\$6.7 million (£4.4 million) but

money, but it would refresh the whole nature of the prizes.

While they are at it, they could get rid of the 19th-century division of science decreed by Nobel: physics, chemistry, and physiology and medicine. The foundation argues that it can't change the rules, but it did so in awarding a prize for economics.

Spreading the net wider would better reflect today's science. For example, while the physics committee recognises astronomers, it ignores geophysicists. The development of plate tectonics in the 1960s, a profound shift of understanding, went unrecognised; a scandal, especially when they are being awarded so long after the event. By the time they win, the merit of all the laureates has been plain to people in the field for years.

Here's a simple remedy. The academy should stop thumb-sucking for a year or two, save the money spent on the bureaucracy, and spend it on some extra prizes for deserving people. We could have two physics prizes a year until the backlog disappears. Not only would this enrich a lot of young scientists who could do with the

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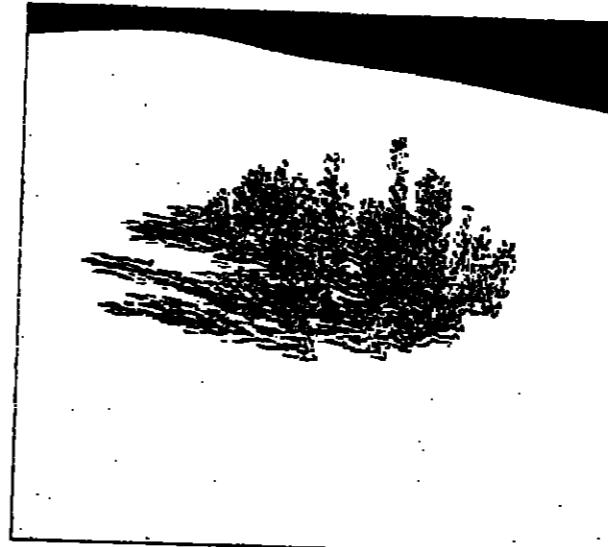
Why have generations of Europeans been so seduced by the Dark Continent? Justin Cartwright explains

Africa – the white man's other Eden

When white people first arrived in Africa, they thought they had discovered it. This is a bit like Bishop Berkeley's immaterialism: Africa does not exist until I perceive it. Africa still seems to white people a world waiting for them to make it real in its unmade, receptive nature.

There is space, there is an element of discovery, there is self-expression, there is grandeur and – not least important – abundant domestic help. The white person feels flattered and quickly moves to self-congratulation as he realises that to be white in Africa is still to have some distinction.

While I am wearing the hair shirt, let me admit that I have misgivings about my own deep attraction to Africa. Still, this attraction is real enough; I



The desert blooms – the flora of the African desert

game park or on the road, I find myself exchanging self-congratulatory stories about elephants and lions and flooded rivers and close encounters with giant insects and colourful snakes.

You could look at the lives of Laurens van der Post and Wilfred Thesiger and see that they regard Africa in the same way, a sort of giant mirror of the self, a mirror which seems to provide a noble image, unlike the cloudy mirrors in Europe and America.

But landscape, as Magritte made abundantly clear and as Simon Schama has documented, is only significant when we make it so. Still, I can't imagine myself making an expedition to the Cheddar Gorge or Bon Hill in the same spirit of self-discovery. Because I am all too aware that Africa for me is an introspective experience, a communion with myself, it worries me that I seem to share this pastime with so many other white people. Whenever I meet one in a

dramatic sunset and endless vistas. Sometimes I long for it, particularly in the grey winter, even though I was brought up in a perfectly ordinary suburb of Johannesburg.

But the paradox about the love of Africa is that we like the things that existed before the white man came along and messed them all up. Africans, by and large, used to rest quite lightly on the surface of the earth. The apparent insouciance about possessions is why the Masai are so admired by people who live in big cities or comfortable suburbs. We are less interested in the town-dwelling or ruling classes than the nomads and rural people, precisely because they are in thrall to possessions, just like us.

Recently I have noticed a new phenomenon in South Africa, eco-imperialism: wealthy white people are channelling their managerial energies and capital into conservation. The unstated object of this is to preserve white man's Africa, a sort of National Trust of the bush, where the old ways and the old values will be maintained, away from political influence. It's probably not in itself a bad thing, but I think we should be aware of what Thoreau said: "It is vain to dream of a wilderness distant from ourselves. There is none such. It is the bog in our brains and bowels, the primitive vigour of Nature in us, that inspires that dream."

And we should remember that myths have a sinister side. *El in Arcadia* ego has two meanings. The second, even in *Arcadia* there is death, is the safer, long-term bet where Africa is concerned.

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African dawn: whites see a mirror reflecting a noble image – but they are often seeing a far from natural landscape

The birth of childhood

In 1572 Martin de Voos painted a family portrait for Antwerp magistrate. He portrayed the husband and wife seated at a table, one holding their son and the other their daughter. The picture was surrounded by a scrolled inscription which announces that the master of the house was born on February 9, 1536, his wife Johanna Hooftmans, on December 16, 1545, their son, Aegidius, on August 21, 1565, and their daughter, Johanna, on September 26, 1566. It illustrates the emergence of the modern concept of the family made up of distinct individuals, both children and adults.

In 1579 Sanchez Coello painted a portrait of the Infanta Isabella, daughter of Philip II of Spain, aged 13. She was the complete little lady, resplendent in jewelled head-dress, curled hair, high ruff, formal gown, and ringed fingers. The tradition would last in the Spanish court until the 1650s, and the famous series by Velázquez of another Infanta, Margarita of Austria, daughter of Philip IV. Once again, the exquisite seven or eight-year-old is shown as a lady in miniature. Children were still thought of as persons of lesser stature, not fully grown, but not qualitatively different from their parents.

In earlier times, neither the nuclear family nor the age of



Before the 16th century children barely existed as a species; now they are everywhere

HIDDEN EUROPE

childhood had been recognised as distinct entities. All generations lived together in large households. Children passed straight from swaddling clothes into adult dress. In all but the richest classes, they had little or no schooling; if they were taught at all, they were taught together. They were usually put out to work as domestics or apprentices at the age of seven or eight. They died in such numbers that everyone had the greatest incentive for them to grow up fast. Families existed, but they "existed in silence". Childhood, too, existed; but it was granted no special status, and it was ended as soon as possible.

The "discovery of childhood" was a process which

took shape between the 16th and 18th centuries. It can be traced in the dress and iconography of the times, in the invention of toys and pastimes specifically for children, in changing morals and manners: above all, in a radical new approach to education.

Medieval children had largely learnt by living, eating and sleeping with their elders, all of whose activities they observed at first hand. They were not isolated or protected from the adult world. Only boys from higher society attended school, and they did so

in all-purpose, all-age groups. One of the earliest instances of a school being divided into classes was recorded at St Paul's School in London in 1519. With age-grouping, and the extension of schooling, came a great increase in imposed discipline. Christian morality, codes of conduct and humiliating punishments were imposed from above. Schoolboys were the first to be introduced to a prolonged and graduated progression towards adulthood. Girls, often married at 13, were much

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Beauty in a cardboard box

**Götterdämmerung
Covent Garden**

The first complete cycle of the new Royal Opera *Ring* crashed and soared to its close on Saturday to an audience reception scarcely less noisy. What has it achieved? Even if there were any doubts at the time of the previous cycles five years ago, they have been swept away: Bernard Haitink is one of the great Wagnerians. It's not just such mundane matters as balance (you can hear the words all the time), or beauty of sound, though there is a very special velvety clarity, a lean muscularity to the orchestral palette that is Haitink's own. His players respond with loyal devotion in an act of communal music-making of the highest order.

The secret of successful Wagner conducting has to be pace. Goodall had it — the greatly admired Haitink's Wagner, incidentally — and so has his successor. It's a very different pace, a brisker, more lyrical tread: the second act of *Götterdämmerung* sweeps along unstoppably, and some might argue that Siegfried's crucial encounter with the Rhinemaidens could take a touch more expansiveness. But the sense of musico-dramatic architecture is always there; you know that when Haitink starts a musical paragraph, an act, even a whole opera, he has its end in view, and that applies to the cycle as a whole. He papers over one or two cracks with supreme tact, though there is little even he can do with the end of the first act of *Götterdämmerung*.

It's a *Ring* for and of today, thoughtful, comfortless, "critical" in the very best sense, and open-ended, which is surely a compliment to a composer whose vision we haven't quite caught up with.

Third Norn — would that she had been singing Sieglinde as well). And there was one remarkable Wagnerian debut on Saturday: the endlessly versatile Ann Murray, bringing her very special gifts of musical phrase and word-colour to Waltraute's narration.

The Richard Jones production excites fierce controversy, and anyone who responds positively gets so poisonous a reaction that you suspect it has touched some raw nerves. It's a "poor" *Ring*, with the cardboard box a pretty chilling symbol of the post-Wotan, post-Wagner society we have created. It is hard to demur at Jones's new ending, suggesting that *Götterdämmerung* has all been a terrible mistake — can you sit through the second act without a shudder of recognition? — and we must try to do better than Alberich's *Rheingold*-vision made flesh.

It is a production that reacts inventively to the implications of the text, with the extension of the "light" and "dark" Wotan/Alberich to a "light" and "dark" Siegfried/Hagen (they are identically dressed by the end) especially thought-provoking. Hagen is much more than just a villain, and Kurt Rydl's impersonation has grown impressively with the cycle.

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Berg hits the highest peak

**Wozzeck
Leeds**

IN THE old days, companies performing *Wozzeck* probably thought it was enough simply to get the notes more or less right, but we have moved on a long way from there. What hit you most forcibly at Opera North's revival of the *Grand* last Thursday was the sheer beauty and variety of the musical performance under Paul Daniel, the total clarity of the orchestral playing, the iron control of balance that enabled an audience on the edge of its collective seat to follow Richard Stokes's fine English translation, and thence the opportunities for the soloists to sing with maximum expressiveness — *bel-canto* Berg.

In a reading of extraordinarily wide dynamic range, from barely audible pianissimo to searing orchestral tutti, Daniel found all the essentials: the silky Viennese textures, a cleanness of articu-

lation and *Berg's* macabre wit. *Wozzeck* emerged not as an "important" modernist score but as mainstream opera, its roots deep in the 19th century, its influence still felt today.

Similarly, in Deborah Warner's superb production *Wozzeck* is no Expressionist freak-show — that would be too easy a way out. On Hildegard Bechtler's bare stage, lit with characteristic subtlety by Jean Kalman, we meet a miraculously rehearsed cast of very ordinary people. Peter Brönders Captain, wonderfully well sung, is just plain stupid, as much a sitting target for Clive Bayley's stylized Doctor as *Wozzeck* himself. Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts's *Andrés* is so

depressingly "normal" as to connive at the Drum Major's assault on the cuckolded *Wozzeck*. I wondered only whether Mark Curtis's *Simpleton* was not a little too "baroque" in this everyday company.

Josephine Barstow is new as Marie, soaring rapturously through her big set pieces, using her exceptional body language to suggest how the woman is changed by the Drum Major (Jacque Truste), her face brightening, her stance loosening. *Wozzeck*, as three years ago, is Andrew Shore, ineffably tragic as a man who "thinks too much" but is unable to express those thoughts. Their scenes together are almost unbearable to watch: the murder and its aftermath certainly are. This is one of the great opera productions of our day: I beg you not to miss it, in Leeds next week, or on tour until the middle of November.

A reversion on the way out as a way of easing audiences into a concert? Two Barbican programmes on consecutive nights plunged their listeners in at the deep end, straight into the main work of the evening. For the Kirov Orchestra, from the Maryinsky Theatre at St Petersburg, it was Prokofiev's Third Symphony, possibly his fiercest, with the music derived from his opera *The Fiery Angel*.

For Valery Gergiev, the Kirov's artistic director, the challenge of this symphony is to generate its spirit of hysterical satanic possession while keeping control over its balance of effect. He displayed a shrewd sense of how far to go within the limits of propriety, and his players showed an awareness of how each strand might be placed in relation to the whole.

This orchestra, much admired here for its performances with the Kirov Ballet,

was giving its first symphonic concert in

London. Only an orchestra with its experience of Tchaikovsky's music for *The Sleeping Beauty* could phrase its woodwind solos as expertly as it did in that composer's *Pathétique Symphony*. The strings were sometimes coarse in texture and the brass blatant, but Gergiev's baton-less direction, left-hand fingers a-tremble, conjured an eloquent depth of feeling in spite of the audience's intrusive applause before the *lamentoso* finale.

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stepping out confidently without forcing the pace. After a Serenade distinguished by the orchestra's co-anglia soloist, Bashmet exerted a calming influence on a *Brigand's* Orgy finale that was more of a camp-fire carousal.

More pictorial music followed in Petrushka. Stravinsky wrote nothing more crammed with instrumental incident, and Nagano brought out all the multi-coloured detail of the first and last scenes with unusual clarity.

In between, moreover, he almost persuaded us of the sawdust puppet's agony of spirit. Stravinsky's revision of 1947 gives added prominence to the orchestral pianist, who was notably skilled in an overall ensemble that displayed a fine cutting edge in the woodwind and brass alike.

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Kirov diversifies into symphonies

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the LSO's "associate principal guest conductor" directed Berlioz and Stravinsky's music for *The Sleeping Beauty* could phrase its woodwind solos as expertly as it did in that composer's *Pathétique Symphony*. The strings were sometimes coarse in texture and the brass blatant, but Gergiev's baton-less direction, left-hand fingers a-tremble, conjured an eloquent depth of feeling in spite of the audience's intrusive applause before the *lamentoso* finale.

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The wind-up in the willows

Terry Jones has taken a few liberties with his new film of Kenneth Grahame's classic. Sue Summers reports

A Chaucerian scholar and author of a now standard text on the *Canterbury Tales*, Terry Jones, 54, was for years characterised as the most academic and intellectual of the Monty Python group. But a recent interview in which he and his wife, Alison, a research biochemist, enjoy an "open marriage" makes one appraise him with new eyes. His thick greying hair, dark eyes and eyebrows and an unbound enthusiasm do indeed make him attractive in a rumpled kind of way. Today, though, with his beloved dog, Mitch, lying on the settee, and a Victorian clock ticking on the wall among the children's posters, he seems every inch the family man.

This is appropriate, since Jones's main interest at the moment is attracting family audiences to his £10 million film of Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*. As well as writing the script and directing a cast which includes Eric Idle as Rat, Steve Coogan as Mole, Victoria Wood as the Tea Lady (the modern incarnation of the Washerwoman), Antony Sher as Chief Weasel and Stephen Fry as the Judge, he also plays the vain, reckless and boastful Toad.

As Jones had never read *The Wind in the Willows*, preferring to indulge an obsessive childhood passion for Rupert Bear, he was not at first particularly interested when he was invited to direct the film. He then approached the task of turning a leisurely Edwardian idyll into a feature film for the 1990s with a lack of reverence which some Grahame purists will no doubt find distressing.

Following in the footsteps of Alan Bennett at the National Theatre, he transforms the weasels from uppity prudes into "Thatcher's children" — in Jones's adaptation, property speculators intent on razing Toad Hall to build a dog-breed factory — and adds multiple car crashes, explosions and giant mincing machines to suit today's more sensation-hungry youngsters.

"It's a charming book and I like the cosiness of the world it evokes; a very safe England before the changes of the 20th century," Jones says. "At the same time, I feel it's a book that's very much part of its time, and I'd imagine it's difficult for today's kids to accept some of it. For instance, Grahame describes beetles planning their migration by using the image of a hotel in the South of France where residents

stay all the year round. What does that mean to a child now? It's a world that's gone."

The son of a bank clerk from Colwyn Bay, Jones grew up in Claygate, Surrey, a place he found "hatefully stuffy". Educated at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, where he was head boy — perfect preparation, says his producer, John Goldstone, for life as a director — he started writing and performing in revue at Oxford, teaming up with his fellow graduate Michael Palin after he left.

They were working with Idle and the American artist Terry Gilliam on a children's show, *Do Not Adjust Your Set*, when John Cleese suggested they join him and his writing partner Graham Chapman in 1969.

"When the BBC commissioned *Monty Python*, we didn't have a title, let alone any idea what would be in it," Jones says. "Nowadays, I'm sure they wouldn't take the risk. Everyone's so much more ratings-conscious. They say, 'Who is this for?' and do demographic studies of the potential audience. The point about *Python* is that we did it for us and it created its own

audience. It wasn't a commercial product, and that's the way you get surprises."

He took an active interest in directing on the TV shows and shared the director's credit on the first *Monty Python* feature film, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, before taking sole charge on *The Life of Brian* and the team's

valedictory *The Meaning of Life*. The films have taken more £100 million at the box office. But while Jones enjoyed post-*Python* success with *Personal Services*, his last effort, *Erik the Viking*, was a critical and commercial flop seven years ago. Besides starring Idle, *The Wind in the Willows* features Cleese and

Palin in cameo roles. The only absentee is Gilliam, who has enjoyed huge success as a director himself, with films like *The Fisher King* and *12 Monkeys* sending frissons of jealousy through his former collaborators. According to Idle, the men who broke the mould of TV comedy now "take genuine delight in one another's failures".

"I was trying to get Terry Gilliam in as the river, but unfortunately his part was written out," Jones says with what sounds suspiciously like glee in his voice. "He's not speaking to me now. He is upset. He's American and Americans get a bit funny about these things."

• *The Wind in the Willows* is released on Friday



All but one of the Monty Pythons has a part in Terry Jones's film: "I was trying to get Terry Gilliam in as the river, but his part was written out"

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Sam Shepard's tempestuous drama of incest and rage; plus Emlyn Williams's whodunnit

When Sam Shepard directed his *Fool for Love* in 1983, he reportedly kept telling the performers: "That's fine, but take it further, take it still further." Every feeling had to be topped by another and then another. What he had written was a sort of American *Phèdre*: a

Fool for Love

Donmar

Portrait of an obsessive and tempestuous love whose stage directions asked the leading lady to utter "mournful agonising wails" and required her very body to "weep".

In New York there was hardly a part of Kathy Whitton Baker, larynx to fists to knees, that did not hurl itself into the task of obeying those

The family that strays together stays together

instructions; but the first British production was, well, a bit British by comparison. Julie Walters's May and Ian Charleson's Eddie banged the walls and slammed the doors of their motel room with big, satisfying booms and clangs, but they did not exactly burn and boil within. In Ian Brown's fine new production, Barry Lynch and, especially, Lorraine Ashbourne come nearer to generating the right American temperature.

They are, you see, half-brother and half-sister, victims of a father whose revelation of bigamy succeeded

ed only in propelling them into a lasting affair. Now Eddie has sexually betrayed May, she has escaped from their trailer to the Mojave Desert, he has tracked her down, and neither knows what to do. Like much of Shepard's characters, they cannot live with or without each other. All is inarticulate confusion and glandular angst.

Nor is *Fool for Love* their story only. Gawn Grainger, playing the father's ghost or his children's memory of him, uneasily wanders the stage as Lynch and Ashbourne deliver a couple of those compelling monologues for which Shepard is famous, this time describing the abject, self-destructive passions of the old man's abandoned wives. And

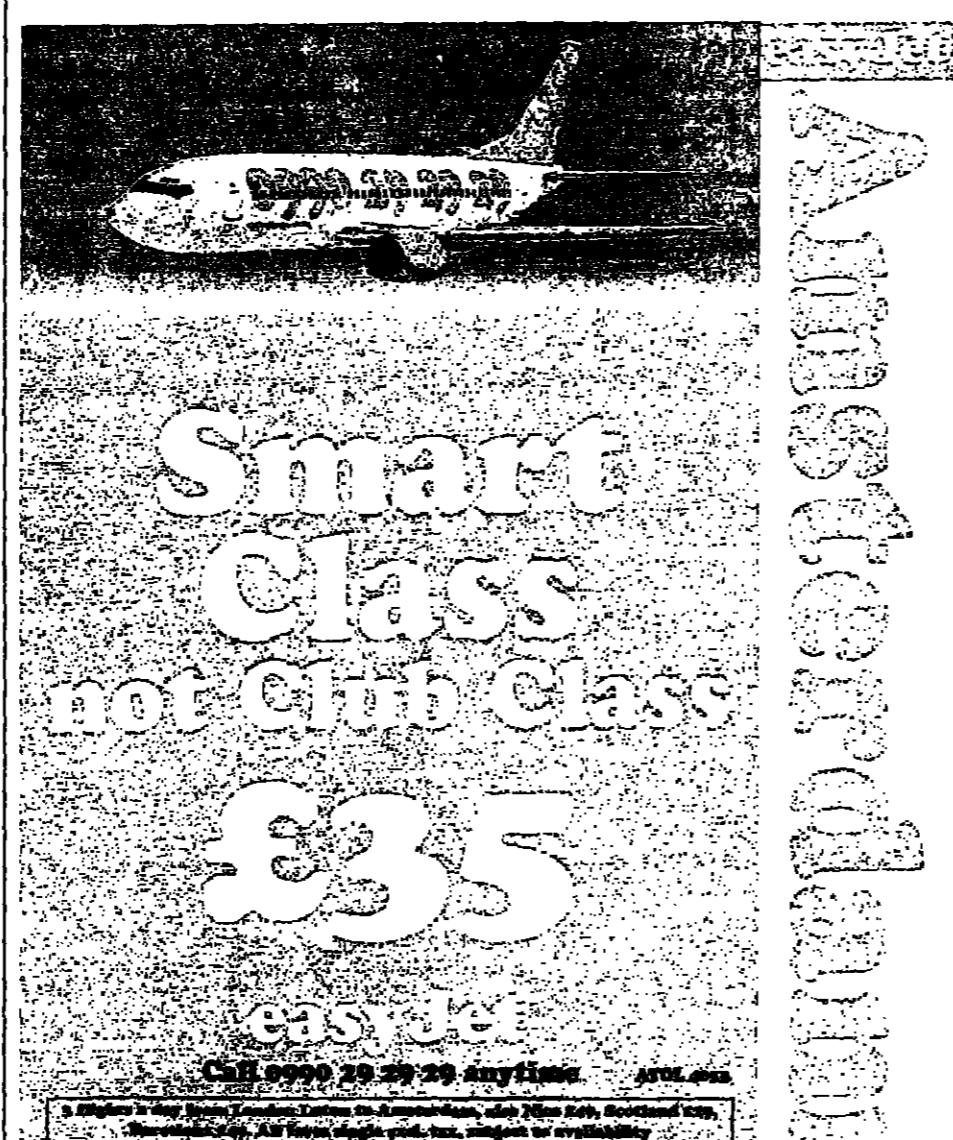
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offstage there is a glare of headlights, a screech of brakes, gunshots, an explosion, the sound of terrified horses charging from a burning truck. Eddie's vindictive former mistress making her own obsession rather drastically felt.

Robin Dan's motel, with its scratched yellow walls and awful brown furniture, is sufficiently seedy but maybe not claustrophobic enough. Moreover, Lynch's accent makes the odd, distracting side-trip to London and, I think, Sydney. Never mind. He exudes dark intensity from inside the stubby jutting out above his grubby vest, and Ashbourne reinforces his growing reputation for emotional authenticity and power. Her raw, raucous May sobs, yells, dances with frustration and rage, hurls herself onto the floor and against the door, pounds the bed and the walls; and never is the effect

melodramatic. Grainger's self-indulgent old man watches from the sidelines, as does a fourth and final character, an amiable wimp played by Martin Marquez. He came for nothing more than a relaxed date with May at the movies — and is left to scratch his head and boggle in wonder at a real-life demonstration of love gone nuclear. I know how he feels.

Tug of love: Lorraine Ashbourne as May and Barry Lynch as Eddie caught up in an incestuous affair



Neighbourhood psycho

Night Must Fall

Haymarket

dangerous monomania of the boy-man with the bleak religious upbringing and the chip on the shoulder?

Williams clearly had those qualities himself when he acted the role, but they mostly elude Donovan: a pity for the play.



All charm and no menace: boy-man Jason Donovan

may end up hauling flesh-cramped suitcases and trunks around England.

The play was first staged in 1935, when the world was more tolerant of wordy melodramas and chunky characters.

Mrs Bramson's bungalow, "in a forest in Essex", contains a dim maid, a comically aggressive cook, the owner's plain but clever niece, and the latter's Domesday warden. It also contains Mrs Bramson herself, in Rosemary Leach's excellent performance a pouty valentimian whose whine is just a bit worse than her bark.

In other words, a well-qualified murderer is waiting

in her wheelchair by the time Donovan's Dan saunters in, exuding a boyish charm that does. I fear, come across as more oleaginous and ingratiating than the stage directions require. But there would be no play if one did not believe that Leach's Mrs Bramson takes such a liking to the boy she instantly hires him as helpmate and surrogate son; so one blinks, pinches oneself, and goes along with the plot of what is less a whodunnit than a when-will-he-do-it-again.

Sadly, there are other problems. The behaviour both of the detective investigating the first murder and of Mrs Bramson's niece is beyond belief. Anthony Pedley's Inspector Belsize chugs round the stage impervious to everything beneath his nose except the old brier he likes to puff. Meanwhile, Charlotte Fryer's Olivia tries and fails to convince us that she is unsentimental enough to see through Dan's chummy exterior to the monster within, yet sufficiently sentimental to cover up one killing and make a second pretty well inevitable.

Maybe she would stand a better chance of carrying this off if Donovan were more mesmeric. His curious accent, which veers from Cardiff to Connemara, is justified by a stage direction demanding an accent that is "indeterminate but more Welsh than anything else". The anxious whimpers and sobs, meant to reveal the damaged to inside the smiling poseur, are well enough done too. But where is the arrogance and menace, the

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Matthew Parris



■ Political speeches now echo 1980s advertising. Short paragraphs. Verbless sentences. Like this

With the exception of the Prime Minister, they all seem to be at it. One page of Michael Portillo's speech to the Tory conference last week contained little more than a hundred words, arranged in paragraphs, none of which contained more than one sentence. Only two paragraphs contained more than a dozen words. A week earlier in Blackpool, Andrew Smith, Labour's Transport spokesman, followed his Leader's lead into short, verbless sentences, one passage of his speech running:

"Traffic jams on the M1. Road congestion."

"Changing at Preston." As with so many attempts by politicians to be modern, the style is actually about half a step behind the times. You see the same grasping at what was modern yesterday in the design of today's conference stage sets, which ape the sort of look in vogue for the television set designs of the Eighties.

As in the visual, so with the spoken word. The modern conference speech unconsciously echoes the advertising copywriter's style of the 1980s. Advertising has moved on since then, the industry accepting that consumers can tackle sentences with quite complex structures: but to the politicians of the Nineties, the Eighties are still the latest thing.

It is time, then, for an all-purpose framework for the podium politician who wishes to impress. I have taken as my theme nuts, but for "nuts" you can substitute almost anything... (Party leader runs on, to disco fanfare, eyes burning...)

"As I look about me, as I look around. Ahead.

"Forward."

"I see a vision."

"Let me tell you what I mean."

"I mean nuts."

"True nuts."

"New nuts."

"Not yesterday's nuts. No going back to the old nuts. No return."

"Instead, nut reborn."

"Young nut, shared nut, growing nut."

"Nurtured nut. Nuts fulfilled."

"Cherished."

"Nourished."

"Undiminished."

"Nuts' new dawn."

"Let me explain."

"Big nut."

"Not small nut."

"Huge nut."

"British nut."

"Yes, British!"

"Strong."

"Tough."

"Tough nut."

"Not Brussels nut."

"Oh no!"

"Upright nut."

"Proud nut."

"Confident nut."

"Not timid."

"No bad nuts. Rotten. Soft."

"But firm. Unscrupulous."

"But we must have safeguards!"

"My priorities — passion if you like — nut. nut and nut."

"Roasted nut."

"Nuts in every classroom."

"Nut superhighway."

"Trained nuts."

"Reskilled nut."

"Educated nut."

"Modern nut."

"Flexible, mobile dynamic nut."

"Nut for the 21st century."

"A thousand nuts for a thousand years."

"A nut on every street corner."

"Nut on the beat."

"Neighbourhood nut."

"Responsible nut."

"Decent nut."

"Principled."

"Three nuts and you're out!"

"One nut: bold, courageous, firm."

"Tough on blight, tough on the causes of blight."

"No more lost nuts, spoilt nuts."

"Undervalued. Underfunded. Undermined."

"Seventeen wasted years!"

"Integrated nut. Strategic. Global. Galactic."

"Proactive. Not reactive. Not negative."

"Positive."

"Open nut. Not closed. Honest nut."

"No sleazy nuts."

"I tell you this."

"Choice of nut."

"Real choice."

"Excellence."

"Honour."

"Excellence and choice."

"Choice and excellence."

"Diversity and choice."

"Diversity, excellence, choice, nuts and honour."

"Opportunity nut. Fair, reasonable, reaching out."

"Nut 2000."

"Nut mission."

"Nuts for all."

"All our people."

"New solutions."

"No false promises."

"No betrayals."

"No lies."

"No letdowns."

"No more."

"No."

"I see aspiration. I see hope."

"Hopeful nuts, high-wages nuts. Skilled, sophisticated."

"Future nuts: limitless, optimistic and empowered."

"Stakeholding nuts, investing in nuts: partnership of nuts, nut potential, nuts anew."

"A force for good: for nuts unborn. So many nuts!"

"A need for change."

"A fresh start."

"And let us now redouble. Let us now commit. Reach out. I say."

"Reach up."

"Down."

"Forward."

"A nutty covenant, I tell you: A nutty vow!"

(Spouse of party Leader runs onto stage and embraces Leader passionately. Crowd goes wild. Press goes wild.)

To whom was the Prime Minister's soundbite, 'New Labour, Old School Tie', supposed to appeal?

Class politics is below the salt

text, or a foundry worker? The only person I could find in *The Sunday Times* yesterday who does not belong to the classless middle class is Sir James Goldsmith, who is in a class by himself.

There are other British classes which matter, but they are much smaller. There is a trapped under-class which lacks the social and educational opportunities to climb the meritocratic ladder. Most people can climb the ladder, even if they start on a low rung, but some people cannot reach the bottom rung. That undoubtedly causes great suffering, and no one knows what to do about it.

There is, on a side branch of the tree, the old aristocracy, those peers of ancient line who received their titles before the railways came to England; they play the same part in our social life as the National Trust plays in our housing provision. They exist to preserve and to be preserved; they are part of the heritage industry. The great threat to the Royal Family is that it might join them.

The new class, which is not yet fully defined, is the global group, and that may prove to be the dominant class of the future. Many businessmen, most of the City and many communicators, live in a transnational world. This group is developing its own consciousness, which is different from the old national one. These people often seem more at home among their own kind in Los Angeles or Hong Kong than they would be among their fellow citizens in Britain who are still thinking in local terms.

One fascination of the company of Euro-sceptics is that half of them distrust Europe because it is too big for them, and half because it is too little. In the information age, we are all going to have to end up as citizens of the world, whether we like it or not. There will be no Web site on the Internet for snobbery or for inverted snobbery.

Mr Major mainly promised more of the same in his speech on Friday, a re-elected Tory government would probably continue not just privatisation — starting with the Royal Mail and London Underground — but would also increase private provision and competition in public services. By contrast, Labour is likely to freeze further privatisation and to slow contracting-out in Whitehall and the health service. Under Labour, the free market, deregulatory zeal would be gone. Labour would also be more cautious over limiting social security entitlements and challenging local education authorities and the teaching unions. But tight fiscal constraints would force a search for increased private financing of capital investment and higher education, whichever party is in power.

Overall, the tax and spending burden would probably be slightly higher under Labour than the Tories, but the difference might be much less than the increases earlier in the current Parliament. The wealthy would pay more in taxes under Labour, although almost certainly less than under the Tories before the big 1988 tax cuts.

The biggest difference, at least for the political classes, would be over the constitution, although even here both sides overstate their case. Scottish devolution may, probably would, create serious constitutional anomalies, but the current, modest scheme should not be a step towards the disintegration of the United Kingdom. Labour would accept more of "social" Europe than the Tories, but it opposes closer integration of foreign, defence and immigration policies. Under Labour, Britain might no longer be seen as an outsider, but it would not be fully part of the inner European core — especially since the odds are less than 50-50 that it would join the first wave of monetary union.

The next election is about more than a change of management. Some policies will change and their implementation will be different. But contrary to much that I heard around the seaside, the choice is more of rival teams than of rival ideologies — which party voters trust more.

One nation, two visions

Peter Riddell
asks what
difference the
next election
will make



erment's spending in 1989 was on programmes which existed as far back as the Second World War, nearly a sixth on those created between 1945 and 1979 and a mere tenth on those introduced since 1979.

The *Green Budget* produced last week by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Goldman Sachs underlines how hard it is to limit the growth in public spending, let alone to cut it. The share taken by health, education and social security has risen from 50 to 60 per cent of total spending since 1979 and stands to rise further. The political sensitivity of health, for example, was shown on Friday when John Major promised to increase spending by more than the rate of inflation in the next Parliament. But, as the IFS argues, trying to maintain a constant overall level of spending and taxes (as Labour

wants, let alone the decline that the Tories seek) will not deliver the standards of health, education and social security that the public expects. So any government will have to consider higher taxes and/or private provision. Within these constraints, parties can make a difference over time. The Tory changes to the annual uprating of pensions, from earnings to prices, and to Serps have altered the balance between the public and private provision of pensions and reduced the future cost of state pensions.

Tony Blair has explicitly recognised the more limited, and incremental, view of what the State can do.

But he has yet convincingly to show how a Labour government could fulfil the vows, "the performance contract for Britain", he made to

change spending priorities on education, health and welfare. Explicit promises, however sincerely meant, matter less than a party's instincts and background. The Tories retain the voice and prejudices of the private-sector middle class, while, despite Blairism, Labour remains the party of the public sector, albeit now a middle-class, white-collar version, teachers rather than miners. The Tories' instinctive response is to restrain spending and to privatise, while under Labour, even "new" Labour, the State is still seen as a solution to problems, although now in partnership with the private sector.

The real divide may be less over existing policies, where Mr Blair is not seeking to turn back the clock, than over future changes. Though

Beware wives

SIR JEREMY ISAACS has written an open letter in *BBC Music Magazine* to Genia Melmosh, his successor, at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. He starts by advising her not to take the job: "You know as well as I do Mr Punch's advice to those who marry — don't. But it is too late now; you are committed."

Other advice includes "Get to rehearsals", "The singers will like you to greet them" and "It's always good to say thank you, but don't

say 'That was marvellous' if it wasn't; they always know if they haven't sung well."

He finishes by warning her about the antics of the directors' wives. "Hang on, while it lasts to the parking space," he writes. "The predators to particularly guard against are the directors' wives. The new threat, the wife of the ex-general director."

Michael Ignatieff does not do stairs. The presenter of *The Late Show* has decided against buying a warehouse in London's East End. The area is fashionable, the interior space breathtaking. But it is three floors up and the owners refuse to put a lift in the building.

Late runner

THOUGH Damon Hill triumphed in the world championship in Japan this weekend, Pizza Hut, whose advertisements feature both Hill and Murray Walker, took what could have been a hubristic view of his chances. The advertisement is a compilation of the gaffes the duo made in their debut for the

restaurants but, as the sequence closes, the words "Congratulations Damon from Pizza Hut" come on to the screen. The literature that accompanied advance copies of the video reads nervously: "Story to be used only if Damon Hill wins world championship."

Rampant cast

AN AUTUMN lamb has been born to one of the old ladies in a flock of primitive sheep in Tyneside. The nine ewes were thought to have been too old for lambing and their only companions were three castaled males.

Unicee, the 12-year-old North Ronaldsay sheep, produced a daughter after being used as an extra for the film *Swansea*, which was being filmed at Aydon Castle in

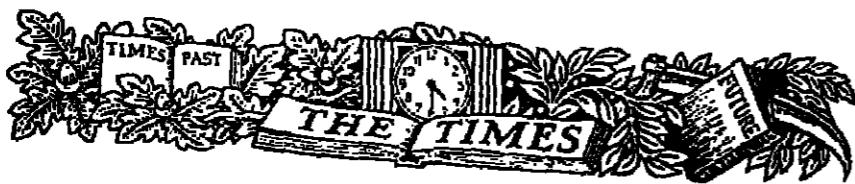
which she bought new in 1963. The black car has only run up just over 104,000 miles and was used mainly on official engagements. Although it had sentimental value, the vehicle, which is expected to fetch between £45,000 and £55,000, was proving too costly to run.

Lord Cranbourne, Leader of the House of Lords, is considering forming a breakaway party. During the Tory party conference, he said that in his view, the students he spoke to in his travels were the most reactionary group he had met. He said: "Perhaps the students might invite me to become the leader of a new party."

Lost magic

DIANA, Princess of Wales was in Rimini over the weekend to receive Italy's Pio Manzu award for humanitarianism. Rumours are flying that Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, snubbed the Princess by not turning up to the award ceremony. But, far from it. Gorbachev, a former recipient of the same award, sent the Princess a bunch of unusual blue roses to apologise for his absence.

More poignantly still, a local resident, married the same year as the Princess, turned out to meet her.



QUARANTINE CONTROLS

The case for change has not yet been proved

Animal welfare agitation can sometimes be inspired less by respect for other creatures than by regard for human interests. Although the campaign to replace Britain's quarantine laws with a passport for pets scheme has been presented as a kindness to animals, its advocates are often diplomats and soldiers who are thinking of their own convenience. It would, of course, be a mercy to find an alternative to keeping animals kennelled for six months at a time. The Government is right to review the arguments. But before any change is made careful thought must be given to the consequences for the country of removing an important protective barrier under pressure.

The present system is certainly strict. Quarantine compels pet-owners to part with their creatures for half a year, and kennel costs can come to around £150. Sociable animals with a love of the outdoors such as dogs are warehoused in necessarily restrictive conditions. A few do not survive absence from their owners. In the past month two cases have lent momentum to the campaign for change. A Danish consul, Henrik Sorenson, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear have both seen their family pets die in quarantine. Both have applied pressure to change what Sir Michael has called a "cruel and evil system of unnecessarily extended incarceration".

Sir Michael and Mr Sorenson do not want for influential allies. Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, and the House of Commons Agriculture Select Committee have both argued for the abolition of quarantine. In its place, campaigners want to adopt a system similar to Sweden's, where a dog has to clear the triple hurdle of inoculation, blood testing and identification by microchip implant before it can enter the country. Campaigners cite a reduction of animal smuggling into Sweden since the

adoption of the new system. Change would certainly make life easier for that class of professional whose work involves relocation abroad every so often and the tourist who feels the family pet should be part of the family holiday. But easing restrictions would raise legitimate concerns in many more quarters.

Quarantine has been successful in keeping Britain free of rabies, save for an isolated incident with a bat, for 26 years. Sweden's new arrangements have been successful so far, but it is not certain that inoculation can guarantee the level of security afforded by quarantine. An American dog which had twice been inoculated in its home country was nevertheless discovered to be carrying rabies while in quarantine in 1985.

The consequences of rabies reaching Britain would be far more distressing than the costs of quarantine. There would be a real threat to public health and the steps required to limit the spread of contagion could lead to greater animal suffering than anything endured in kennels. On the Continent, attempts to control rabies in the past have involved policies towards wildlife which would sit uncomfortably with this country's rural traditions. It would be a poor bargain if the freedom of diplomats' pets was bought at the expense of poisoned foxes.

Quarantine may be harsh, but it has been undeniably effective. Advocates for change have a responsibility to ensure that their reform proposals can promise the same security. The Government may well conclude that improving technology, in both vaccination and identification, can provide a workable alternative to quarantine. It may wish to accompany any change with an increase in fines for those found smuggling pets. But quarantine can only be abandoned by a government confident that it will not have to contemplate uglier policies in the future if its new barriers are breached.

OCCUPIED EAST TIMOR

The brave fight of Carlos Belo and José Ramos-Horta

Nobody can pretend that the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to two courageous men from East Timor will end that land's occupation by Indonesia. Nobody can pretend, either, that the Indonesian Government will be moved, or shamed — or even very slightly embarrassed — by this latest international spotlight on its continuing brutality. Yet in choosing to honour Bishop Carlos Belo of Dili and José Ramos-Horta, the Nobel Committee in Oslo has, nonetheless, voted to deliver a powerful symbolic slap to General Suharto.

The facts are naked and eloquent. Indonesia marched its Army into East Timor, then a Portuguese colony, in December 1975. It was an act no more lawful than Saddam Hussein's forced annexation of Kuwait and General Galtier's aggressive adventure in the Falkland Islands. Nearly 21 years later, Jakarta still rules the Timorese people — against their will, against the will of the international community, and against all norms of civilised conduct and administration. In these two decades of vassalage to Indonesia, more than 200,000 Timorese have been killed and over 100,000 ethnic Javanese have settled on stolen land. The local Tetum language has been banned and Bahasa Indonesia imposed by force, Roman Catholicism (the main religion of the Timorese) has been aggressively discouraged and thousands of freedom fighters have been imprisoned after tactical show trials.

Indonesian atlases style occupied East Timor as the country's "27th province". But the Timorese today are as alienated from Jakarta as they ever were, and that is why they continue to fight for their independence.

Indonesia's military might has ensured that the fight is a grotesquely unequal one. A poignant illustration of that inequality was seen on November 12, 1991, in Dili, when soldiers of the occupying army slaughtered nearly 200 unarmed demonstrators. Images of that massacre momentarily captured the world's imagination, before occupied East Timor receded once again from sight.

Yet men like Bishop Belo, who works tirelessly from his cathedral in the heart of the Timorese capital, and Mr Ramos-Horta, who travels the world in the Timorese cause, have ensured that General Suharto has always had "a sharp piece of gravel in his shoes" (to use the words, referring to East Timor, of Ali Alatas, the Indonesian Foreign Minister). According to Bishop Belo, "all the Timorese want to sit at the table with the Indonesian Government and negotiate a peaceful exercise of self-determination". But Jakarta has shown absolutely no inclination to loosen its military grip over the annexed land, nor even to consider discussions with legitimate representatives of the Timorese people.

Mr Ramos-Horta said on Friday, with impeccable modesty, that the Peace Prize should have gone to Xanana Gusmão, the Timorese resistance leader who is serving a 20-year jail sentence for "conspiracy to set up a separate state". Perhaps he is right, but the two men honoured are Mr Gusmão's co-conspirators. In fact, it is virtually impossible to find a Timorese man or woman who is not guilty of that conspiracy too, whether in speech, or thought, or action. Let the world take notice of that, as the Nobel Committee has done, and applaud the bravery of this embattled people.

A GOOD WIN FOR A GOOD MAN

Sportsmanship was this year's real Formula One winner

Damon Hill's magnificent victory in Japan has deservedly won him the crown of the Formula One world champion. Not only does Hill bring back to his country a trophy that again puts Britain on the sporting map, but the poignancy of capturing the title that his father Graham twice won, and for which he battled so tenaciously with his team-mate Jacques Villeneuve and earlier with his arch-rival Michael Schumacher, has stirred a patriotic pride in Britain that fully justified John Major's immediate message of congratulations.

What has particularly thrilled the nation, however, was not the fact of victory — sweet though it is — but the personality of Damon Hill. His behaviour at the moment of triumph was typical: he embraced his wife, Georgie, who has supported him loyally, asked after his three children, and then, with a graciousness beyond the obligations of sportsmanship, thanked his Renault Williams colleagues and dedicated his victory to a team from which he has just been so brutally sacked. Modesty, decency, humour and sportsmanship are, unfortunately, no longer qualities associated with sport; more often the men who win trophies on the field, track or rink make the headlines as much for their temper, arrogance and philandering as for their single-minded will to win.

Damon Hill has never regarded victory as the be-all and end-all. At 36 he is old enough to understand failure, to see beyond ephemeral glory and to realise that fair play, balance and dignity are at least as important

as the often corrosive compulsion to beat all others. Such qualities are held up as the quintessence of English sportsmanship, but too often they seem to belong to an earlier, more innocent age.

Those who today bask in sporting notoriety are those for whom tactic is too rough, no strategy too underhand if it secures the defeat of their opponents. Hill would no more think of thrusting his way to the chequered flag by ramming his opponents than he would of indulging in the kind of exhibitionist bad behaviour in planes, clubs and resorts that has made other British sportsmen all too well known.

Victory, nevertheless, is profitable. Hill has been rewarded for his skill, to the tune of several millions. Both he and Frank Williams may now regret their break: he, because he will next year not have the technical expertise of the world's most formidable team behind him; Williams, because the dismissal of the man who is now Britain's most popular motor-racing star makes him look all the more churlish.

For all the team's insistence that it is cars, not men, that win races, the public believes otherwise. It backs racers, and over the past three years Damon Hill's popularity has made motor-racing perhaps the fastest-growing sport in the country, with high stakes and huge television audiences. He now shares with his father the honour of being one of the world's great drivers. He brings to a new generation his father's glory, enhanced by his own gallantry and grace.

Powers of PCC to deal with complaints of press excess

From Mr William Garnett

Sir, Some will be encouraged by Lord Wakeham's apparent concern (letter, October 10) about the excesses of the press in the past few days.

Lord Wakeham is concerned at the lack of complaint coming from individuals whose privacy has been invaded. He suggests that a reason for this is that "individuals are reluctant to complain and perhaps prolong the suffering through the investigation". He recognises that "the situation is unfortunate".

I suggest the reason for the lack of complaint to the Press Complaints Commission may be a lack of confidence on the part of potential complainants that the commission is independent of newspapers and that there is a reasonable chance that complaints will be upheld.

As regards the failure on the part of the Duchess of York and Diana, Princess of Wales to complain, no doubt they took to heart the comments of Lord Wakeham, in an article published in *The Mail on Sunday* after the Princess's *Panorama* interview:

But that privacy can be compromised if we voluntarily bring our private lives into the public domain. Those who do that may place themselves beyond the PCC's protection. And must bear the consequences of their actions.

It appears to many that the PCC is sympathetic to the argument of newspapers that if individuals are prepared to give up some part of their privacy they cannot complain of a subsequent invasion.

This approach to privacy, re-emphasised in his letter, "those who seek the limelight of publicity should always be prepared when their glare is returned, sometimes harshly" — actively discourages complaint. Can such an approach really be right? It is one short hop to arguing that public figures have no rights to privacy.

After the past two weeks I do not think that there are many, outside the industry and the commission, who agree with Lord Wakeham that "the

industry ... has made tremendous strides in the last few years in raising standards".

I note that Lord Wakeham points out that the commission "has powers to raise its own complaints". Why has it apparently done nothing to chastise both the *Daily Mirror* and *The Sun*?

Yours sincerely,
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Bates, Wells & Braithwaite
(Solicitors),
61 Chancery Lane, EC1.

October 10.

From Mr Gerald Isaacman

Sir, Lord Wakeham's letter to you, as Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, is another fudge.

He states that the commission can act only on the receipt of a complaint and that if those offended by the press refuse, for whatever reason, to protest, then he cannot help them. Not true.

The PCC does have its own hotline whereby it can offer considerable help and advice without a formal complaint necessarily being made and people being put off by having dirty washing exposed through subsequent investigation.

By far the greatest number of matters referred to the PCC are settled by way of correction and/or apology. Editors, too, are known to talk to the PCC informally and "bounce" stories off it prior to publication.

Of much more significance is Lord Wakeham's declaration that the PCC does have powers to "raise its own complaints when it needs to" — and will not hesitate to use them". When did the PCC, under his energetic chairmanship, last do so? I can recall no such occasion.

Indeed, if self-regulation is to work then the public must have full confidence in the PCC's ability to prevent abuse of our precious freedom of expression, as well as demonstrate its ability to stamp out excess. The alternative is the imposition of the chains of legislation on such a vital liberty.

It is time that the PCC started acting

Customer rights to sue over strikes

From Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC

Sir, The Government propose legislation to enable victims of strikes in monopoly public services to sue trade unions for damages if a strike's effects are disproportionately damaging to the public (report, October 10).

By contrast, in early 1995, the same Government vigorously opposed my Human Rights Bill to make public authorities liable in British courts for the excessive use of their public powers in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights.

By what principle (other than political self-interest) do the Government seek to do unto others what they refuse to have done to themselves for actions disproportionately damaging to basic human rights and freedoms?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LESTER,
House of Lords.
October 10.

From Mrs V. M. Crews

Sir, If customers are to be allowed to sue monopoly public service unions for any losses incurred as the result of

Nobel prizewinner

From Mrs Carol Chapman

Sir, So James Mirrlees has won £375,000 as his share of the Nobel Prize for publishing the theory that middle-income earners could reasonably pay higher rates of income tax (Business reports, October 9; Valerie Grove, October 11).

I would submit that most middle-income earners neither enjoy the fruits of the "share-options" scheme nor, in the main, are they recipients of any other handouts for prizes. They generally work very hard for their income for 60 per cent of it.

The past five years of recession and uncertainty have been tough by any reckoning and to hear that academics are awarded prize money of such proportions apparently for "middle-income bashing" makes one certain that the world is flat.

I will retrace these words of disdain when I hear that Professor Mirrlees has donated his prize money (after tax of course) to the Exchequer.

Yours faithfully,
CAROL CHAPMAN,
Somersby House,
Stoke Road, Oxted, Surrey.
October 11.

Tunnel faces its toll

From Mr Jonathan Crotz

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky is a brilliant economist but I fear that his love of Paris and of his daughter (whom he has bequeathed his free travel) is blinding him to the futility of the Eurotunnel share as an investment (article, October 8).

I can assure him that the capacity of the Shuttle is already stretched beyond endurance at busy times and that spending two hours queuing in a car park gets a jaunty break off to a desperately irritating start. My daughter prefers to enjoy the bars, cafe, shopping and sea-gazing offered by the ferry (although admittedly the tastes of a two-year-old can change). Mr Kaletsky writes casually of the

independence in the public interest, rather than Lord Wakeham claiming that sections of the press are taking lack of complaint as a signal to go over the top.

The unhappy belief abroad, alas, is that the PCC is there as an industry sops so as to prevent the introduction of legal sanctions. Where is the stricter and more specific code of conduct promised by Lord Wakeham?

His reputation is that of a man who can fix things. He ought to get on with it.

Yours sincerely,

GERALD ISAACMAN
(Member, Press Complaints
Commission, 1993-95),
Garrick Club,
15 Garrick Street, WC2.

October 10.

From Mr Piers Ashworth, QC

Sir, Self-regulation of the press has been shown not to work, not because of any lack of bark on the part of the PCC but because of its lack of bite. The reason for these inexcusable invasions of privacy is financial: increased circulation. The only way in which such greed can be combated is by financial penalties — and penalties of sufficient size to negate the gain.

Unless and until these are available will the PCC's trust that "all those who have an interest in these issues will co-operate with me and the commission as we chart the way forward in strengthening self-regulation" will be misplaced — as has been similar trust in the past. There has been ample time to establish effective self-regulation, and it is a little late to chart the way forward when the ship has run onto the rocks.

I am a staunch believer in freedom of the press and I fear its regulation. But does any other realistic course remain?

Yours faithfully,
PIERS ASHWORTH,
2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.
October 10.

Help for victims of infected blood

From Prebendary A. J. Tanner,
Chairman, The Haemophilia Society

Sir, A recent *World in Action* programme (ITV, October 7) has highlighted the insensitive approach taken by the Government to the issue of blood-product safety.

In the programme, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, John Horam, spoke about people with haemophilia who contracted the hepatitis C virus through their NHS treatment. His comment, that while many have died of the virus, many others still have "the gift of life", shows a staggering complacency.

In a letter to this society, dated October 1, Mr Horam rules out financial assistance for those infected, on the grounds that the money would be better spent on patient care and that it could also quickly develop into a no-fault compensation scheme.

The facts are that the Government made ex-gratia payments to people with haemophilia infected with HIV through their NHS treatment, thus avoiding the need for a no-fault compensation scheme. These payments came from government contingency funds and so did not divert money from patient care.

Given this, why cannot payments be made to people infected with another potentially fatal blood-borne virus — hepatitis C — which was contracted in exactly the same way and over the same time period as HIV?

Over 3,000 people have been infected with hepatitis C, many have died and more are suffering. We need urgent action to help to alleviate this distress and to enable provision to be made for the families of those who have died. The Prime Minister should intervene and overturn this heartless decision.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN TANNER,
Chairman,
The Haemophilia Society,
123 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.
October 8.

Under a cloud

From Mr Barry S. Doe

Sir, The Independent Television Commission has supported Jersey's claim to be the sunniest resort in Britain, thereby upsetting Eastbourne (News in brief, October 10, later editions).

Jersey should surely have been disqualified as it is not in Britain. It is part of the British Isles, but so is the Republic of Ireland and I doubt any town there would ever lay claim to being the sunniest resort.

Yours faithfully,
BARRY S. DOE,
25 Newington Road,
Moordown, Bournemouth, Dorset.
October 11.

A cold front?

From Professor Emeritus Edward Garden

Sir, Mr John Faulder says that the "main function" of clothes is "to protect the body against the elements" (letter, October 4). This is true only outdoors.

In the centrally heated houses of today, surely their function is to cover parts of the body which ought not to be seen. Whether or not the fashion designers have this practicality totally in view is perhaps open to question.

Yours faithfully,<br

OBITUARIES

Beryl Reid, OBE, actress, died yesterday aged 76. She was born on June 17, 1920.

Although never quite in the first flight of her profession, Beryl Reid was a respected and useful artiste who had two great hits with which her name will always be associated: Frank Marcus's *The Killing of Sister George* in 1965 and Joe Orton's *Entertaining Mr Sloane* a decade later. Both were somewhat advanced shows for their time, and Reid's casting in them reflected perhaps the fact that her original stage training had been in revue.

But, before that, she had first registered with the public as the creator of two memorable BBC characters, Monica, the grisly girlfriend of the ventriloquist's dummy Archie Andrews, and Marlene, the teenager from Birmingham, trying to acquire a posh accent. Those were very much the days of the single sketch on the wireless – whether devised by Gillie Porter or Arthur Marshall – and Beryl Reid (performing virtually as a *dresser*) fitted into the genre perfectly.

René Lacoste, French tennis player, died on October 12 aged 92. He was born on July 2, 1904.

RENÉ LACOSTE was the last surviving member of the "Four Musketeers", the dazzling French quartet who dominated world tennis at the end of the 1920s. Between them the four – Lacoste, Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon – held the Wimbledon men's singles title continuously from 1924 to 1929. Together, in 1927, they became the first continental European team to win the Davis Cup, breaking the Americans' seven-year grip on the trophy, and retaining it themselves until 1932.

If Lacoste was in many ways the least charismatic of the four, as a player he was probably the most effective. Borotra, the "Bounding Basque", was a model of flamboyant athleticism, whose on-court antics made him a favourite with spectators: Cochet was strikingly handsome, with a dazzling turn of speed; Brugnon's smart, rather military appearance belied his cheerful insouciance on court. All three gave the impression that there was more to life than tennis.

Lacoste, in contrast, was a model of assiduous application. Neither good-looking nor naturally talented, he won by making sure the other player lost. As a tactician he was outstanding; he kept copious notes on his rivals, pinpointing their weaknesses and tailoring his game to exploit them. He wore opponents down with his ability to retrieve whatever came at him; sooner or later, outgunned, outmanoeuvred and desperate for a shot that might beat those relentless returns, the other man would make a mistake, and Lacoste moved in for the kill. He was one of the greatest defensive players the game has ever seen.



René Lacoste was 16 before he first picked up a tennis racket. His father, a former champion oarsman with exacting sporting standards, was unimpressed when the future Wimbledon winner was beaten 6-0, 6-1 in a schoolboy match. "Don't you think," he demanded, "that it would be wise to abandon a sport for which it seems evident that you have hardly any aptitude?" Undaunted, the unsuccessful schoolboy worked at his game with the persistence that was to characterise his play as a champion, developing his weakest strokes until they became his strongest. He outlined his methodical approach to the game in *Lacoste on Tennis*, a memoir-cum-manual published on the day he won Wimbledon for the second time in 1928, full of sound advice.

It was in 1924, when he was not yet 21, that Lacoste appeared in his first Wimbledon singles final. On that occasion he lost narrowly to his compa-

KEITH BOYCE



Keith Boyce, cricketer, died on October 11, aged 53. He was born on October 11, 1943.

NO ONE epitomised the sheer joy of playing cricket better than Keith Boyce, the West Indian all-rounder who played for Essex from 1966 to 1977. Whether he was bowling with unbridled hostility, batting with carefree abandon or fielding with supreme athleticism, he exuded a zest and enthusiasm for the game which rubbed off on everyone who played with him.

His entire philosophy was summed up in 1974 when he was chosen as one of *Wisden's* Five Cricketers of the Year. "I like to attack," he said. "If the ball is pitched up to me I like to hit it as far as I can and when it goes a long way I have a deep, inner satisfaction. I have never regretted taking up cricket professionally and I cannot understand any player who does not enjoy himself tremendously."

Keith Boyce was born in the parish of St Peter, Barbados, educated at Coleridge and Parry School and began his career with the Empire Club, where he played alongside such legendary West Indian cricketers as Everton Weekes, Seymour Nurse and Charlie Griffith.

In those days he was a leg-break bowler who batted decently but he had begun to enjoy the thrill of bowling fast in the nets and when Trevor Bayliss, the former England all-rounder who was then the Essex secretary, came across him playing for Barbados against the International Cav-

aliens in 1965, he did not need a second look. He spoke to Boyce at the lunch interval and signed him as a fast bowler before he had seen him hold a bat.

Boyce had to spend two years qualifying to play for Essex in the county championship but his performances for the 2nd XI and for his club, Walthamstow, quickly confirmed Bayliss's judgment. In one match he did not go in until 12.30 but still hit 125 before lunch and, when he made his first-class debut

against Cambridge in 1966, he promptly took nine for 61. For the next 12 seasons, Boyce seemed to dedicate his life to proving he could bowl the ball faster, hit it harder and throw it farther than anyone else in the side. The newly introduced Sunday League might have been made for him and he became the first player to reach 1,000 runs and take 100 wickets in the competition. He also won a single wicket tournament at Lord's in 1969, beating his idol, Sir Garfield Sobers, in

BERYL REID

She was quite open about where her inspiration for Marlene, in particular, came from. She was based, she used to say, both on the landlady of a celebrated theatrical "digs" in Birmingham and on her dresser at the Theatre Royal there. As for Monica, Archie Andrews's companion, she was the product of her schooldays in Manchester – indeed, when playing her alongside Peter Brough manipulating Archie, she used to wear exactly the same gimpish and straw boater that had seen her through her last two years at Leverhulme High School.

Although she went on the stage in a concert party at Bridlington as early as the age of 15, there was nothing theatrical about Reid's background. She was the daughter of a Manchester estate agent who was moderately prosperous and very much opposed to her treading the boards (her mother was much more encouraging). Her early reputation was built entirely as a comedienne – the hearty provoker of many a belly-laugh in the less sophisticated sort of revue. She always liked to claim that it had taken her eight years to find a part in a serious play that suited her –

but from the moment she read the script of Frank Marcus's *George, or the Death of a Salesman*, she knew that her quest was over. Not that her birth was entirely easy: starting out at the Bristol Old Vic, it went on a pre-London tour before coming into the West End at the Duke of York's in June 1965.

A play explicitly about lesbians, it shocked audiences in the provinces. But suddenly times – whether delivered by Reid or her co-star Eileen Atkins – which had evoked no response on the pre-London tour were in St Martin's Lane greeted with gales of laughter. After that it was triumph all the way. Reid went with the show to Broadway, winning a Tony award – Broadway's Oscar – for her playing of the title role. She then went on to be cast in the same part (her rival had been Bette Davis) in a slightly heavy-handed film version made in Hollywood. In all, she lived with *George* for four years and no one could have asked for a more auspicious baptism in the legitimate theatre.

Parts like that of Joan Buckridge (Sister George) do not, however, grow on trees and it was not until 1975, when she opened at the Royal

Court as Kath in *Entertaining Mr Sloane*, that Reid got another one. If anything, Joe Orton's play was even more adventurous than Frank Marcus's, and again there was a sniff of scandal about this revival of it (it had first surfaced in London in a production at the Arts Theatre by Patrick Dromgoole in 1964) and Reid had already played Kath in it in a 1969 British movie). Neither the play nor the film brought her quite the same success as *George* but both certainly consolidated her reputation as a serious actress.

For the rest of her career, her choice of parts was not quite so kind to her. She joined the National Theatre and the RSC, each for one season, after playing in *Mr Sloane* and took a number of parts at the Theatre Royal, Windsor, which was conveniently near her Thames-side home. But she will probably be best remembered for her splendid vignette TV performance in *Smiley's People* (1982). She had played in the original *Tinker, Tailor, Spy* (1979) and here expanded her role as the veteran MI6 archivist, Connie Sachs, slightly given to the bottle. It won her a Bafta award for best TV

actress and she was further gratified by a Comedy Award for a lifetime's achievement in the British Comedy Awards of 1991. She was appointed OBE in 1986.

The British public came to recognise Beryl Reid as something more than a character actress; both TV viewers and theatregoers, quite rightly, saw her as a genuine character in her own right. She was a celebrated subject of a *This Is Your Life* programme, had a number of TV series of her own and in 1984 published her autobiography, *So Much Love*. She wrote two other books with the help of co-authors: *The Cat's Whiskers* (1986) – at one stage she had nine cats – and *Beryl, Food and Friends* (1989).

Beryl Reid was twice married. Her first husband Bill Worsley, the producer of the old BBC Light Programme's *Workers' Playtime*, was the brother of the drama critic, Cuthbert Worsley, who, whether on the *New Statesman* or the *Financial Times*, tended to find excuses for not reviewing any productions in which she appeared. Her second marriage, which also ended in divorce, was to the musician Derek Francis. She had no children.



RENE LACOSTE



"Musketeers", Cochet and Brugnon – enjoyed their most famous victory, when they made up the team that broke America's seven-year stranglehold on the Davis Cup.

That victory was almost inevitable. The French had been going from strength to strength with every match since 1924, and their growing dominance coincided with the incipient decline of America's hitherto invincible team of W. T. Tilden ("Big Bill") and W. M. Johnston ("Little Bill"). In the 1925 Davis Cup, Lacoste had taken Tilden to match point in the third set and had managed to take a set from Johnston; in 1926 he beat Tilden in four sets (4-6, 6-4, 8-6, 8-6); in 1927 he beat Johnston in three (6-3, 6-2, 6-2), Tilden in four (6-4, 6-6, 6-3), and the heyday of the "two Bills" was over. Tilden realised how cleverly he had been outplayed by Lacoste. "He had developed a slice serve just for the purpose of beating me," he observed, too late.

In 1925 and 1929 Lacoste and Borotra together won the Wimbledon doubles and the French Open doubles, but it was in 1927 that they – together with their fellow

The following year Lacoste met Cochet in the Wimbledon men's singles final. It was a hard-fought match, but as the *Times* correspondent observed in his report, "at full-length driving, Lacoste can go on forever" and go on he did, to win 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5, and take his second Wimbledon singles title. On this occasion he varied the austerity of his usual approach with a complete somersault, much to the crowd's delight.

In 1929 a respiratory ailment forced Lacoste to retire from tennis. He had as a player been nicknamed "Le Crocodile", and in 1934 he founded, more or less as a hobby, La Société Chemise Lacoste, a company to manufacture sports shirts decorated with a trademark alligator motif. The brand is now one of the biggest and most instantly recognisable in the world. Lacoste himself pursued a number of other business interests, and handed over control of the company to his sons in 1964.

He retained an interest in tennis, however, and was involved in the development of a metal-framed racket and a bell-jobbing machine. He was a notable protester in 1946 against Borotra's exclusion from Wimbledon, because of the Bounding Basque's wartime record as Sports Minister in the collaborationist Vichy Government, and in the 1960s he supported the campaign in favour of open professionalism in tennis. In 1950 he was belatedly awarded the Legion of Honour for his services to French tennis.

In retirement he became a keen and accomplished golfer and in 1930 he married Simone Thion de la Chaume, brilliant amateur and the first French winner of the British Open. They had three sons and a daughter, Catherine, who in the 1960s repeated her mother's success as a champion golfer.

WILLIAM VICKREY

William Vickrey, US economist, died on October 11 aged 82. He was born on June 21, 1914.

ONLY two days after William Vickrey received the Nobel Prize for Economics, he died at the wheel of his car from an apparent heart attack. The strain of giving so many interviews, had, it seemed, worn him out.

Vickrey's last days were filled with optimism that at last he would have a "bully pulpit" for his ideas. Fellow economists had described him as a genius for years, but he had been ignored by those who shaped public policy, regarded as an eccentric boffin. The prize money was of secondary importance to him – indeed, he was never quite sure how much he earned at Columbia University, where he worked.

His enthusiasm was for finding ways to make economics useful in society. He had no

and devised a system which was both fair and breathtakingly simple. The Internal Revenue Service, he advised, should keep for each taxpayer a cumulative account of income and tax paid, thus eliminating the incentive to move income, in appearance at least, from one tax year to another. Vickrey went to Japan in the late 1940s to help them to draft a new tax system.

Vickrey remained at Columbia all his working life, as a professor in the department of economics. Living in New York, a city which regularly becomes gridlocked, turned his mind to transport issues. He devised an efficient solution to his own transportation requirements by riding into Manhattan by train or car and then rollerskating across town to the campus on the Upper West Side. As he was a tall, well-padded figure, this presented quite a spectacle for students.

In 1952 he began his work on the fare structure of the New York subways. The flat-rate fare (then a nickel or a mere five cents) was obviously not optimal, and for efficiency the fare, he felt, should take account of the extra congestion which a passenger causes, and the extra costs they impose on the system by travelling in a heavily used station during rush hour. Vickrey also argued that at certain stations, in the middle of the night, it would save money to collect no fares at all.

He expanded these ideas to the roads during the 1950s, and by 1959 had arrived at a caring solution to ease congestion – the idea that commuters should pay more if they use the roads or trains during rush hour, something, he felt, would ease clogged roads and make life tolerable for subway commuters.

Vickrey was born in Victoria, British Columbia. His father worked for an organisation which aided orphans from Armenia, and Vickrey grew up thinking that any dollar which should have been spent on the Armenian orphans. He studied maths at Yale and in 1935 went on to Columbia University in New York for graduate work in economics. Although he was a trained mathematician, he never stressed the importance of maths to his economic students, except as a useful tool.

During the war he was a conscientious objector and worked on a new inheritance lottery and helping to coach the island's youngsters when he complained of feeling unwell on the eve of his 53rd birthday. The following morning he visited a pharmacy, where he collapsed and died.

He was spending more in the pubs than he was making from the raffles, and when he went home to Barbados he was beset by personal problems, including the break-up of his marriage and the loss of his house when it was blown away by a hurricane.

Gradually, however, he came to terms with life without playing cricket, gave up drinking and was running the Barbados Cricket Association lottery and helping to coach the island's youngsters when he complained of feeling unwell on the eve of his 53rd birthday. The following morning he visited a pharmacy, where he collapsed and died.

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NEWS

Quarantine laws may be relaxed

■ Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, is proposing a fundamental review of Britain's strict quarantine rules for pets. It could lead to the sweeping away of the world's toughest controls that were introduced in the battle against the spread of rabies.

In a paper circulated to Cabinet ministers, he suggests it might be time to scrap quarantine in favour of a passport for pets scheme based on the Swedish model with the introduction of strict new rules on vaccination and blood testing. Pages 1, 10

Ministers stand firm on handguns

■ Senior ministers made clear they were determined to ban the keeping of handguns at home, whatever Lord Cullen recommends in his report into the Dunblane massacre, which will be presented to Mr Major today. Page 1

Backfire fears

Conservatives expressed serious misgivings over John Major's conference speech in which he mocked Tony Blair's public school education, fearing it may backfire on him. Page 2

Thurnham 'offer'

Senior Tories raised the prospect of a knighthood and help to secure a safe seat to try to stop Peter Thurnham's defection to the Liberal Democrats, he claimed. Page 2

Briton killed

A British tourist died and another was critically ill after a cable car crashed into a wall in Quebec City, Canada. Two other Britons were among 16 injured. Page 3

'Moral chaos'

The Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, condemned the "amoral" nature of government and warned that society was heading towards "moral chaos". Page 5

Left to die

Two British holidaymakers described how they were left to die in shark-infested waters off Zanzibar when their small boat capsized. Page 6

Back to basics

Traditional teaching methods are making a comeback in primary schools as a result of the Government's national testing regime, new research shows. Page 9

Execution letter could fetch £30,000

■ A letter signed by Queen Elizabeth I's Privy Council ordering the execution warrant on Mary Queen of Scots is among a collection of 16th century state papers expected to fetch £100,000 at auction. The document, estimated at £30,000, was taken to the Earl of Shrewsbury, who was appointed to preside at the execution at Fotheringay Castle. Page 3

Cash catch

A mile of one of the finest salmon rivers in Europe, the Foxford Fishery on the River Moy in Co Mayo, northwest Ireland, could be sold for as much as £10 million. Page 9

Wet or dry?

Opinions are still sharply divided in Wales over drinking on a Sunday. The last remaining "dry" district is to hold a referendum on the subject. The decision will be binding for all time. Page 12

NZ coalition

New Zealand is without a new Government after its first election under mixed-member proportional representation. It could take several weeks to sort out a coalition. Page 12

Dole set to lose

Bob Dole conceded that he may lose America's presidential election three weeks from tomorrow.

"I'm prepared for that," he said in a remarkable admission. Page 13

Taleban setback

The Taliban Islamic militia has lost control of a strategic town north of Kabul, the Afghan capital, cutting off a crucial supply route to its troops. Page 14

Kidnap fears

One of Germany's richest men has been kidnapped. More than £1.5 million has been paid in ransom, but Jakub Fiszman's family fear for his life. Page 15

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TENNIS: ANOTHER BRITON ABOUT TO CLIMB WORLD RANKINGS

Czech unable to halt flow of winners from Rusedski

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREG RUSEDSKI, the British No 2 maintained his excellent run of form to win the third ATP Tour title of his career at the Beijing Open in Peking yesterday.

Rusedski, born in Canada but now based in London, beat Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, 7-6, 6-4 in a final lasting 75 minutes and can expect his world ranking of No 75 to climb into the 50s when the new list is announced today.

Rusedski had previously won the Newport tournament, in the United States, on grass in 1993 and the Seoul Open on hard courts last year. He was also runner-up in Beijing in 1993 and at Coral Springs 17 months ago.

His success in Peking is his first since he changed his allegiance from Canada to Great Britain in May last year, and it was well earned for Damm also has a devastating first service. The first set was close, but Rusedski scrambled through the

tie-break 7-5 and then, returning service better than Damm, finished a good winner.

It was the third title the pair had met with Damm — who is at present ranked No 77 in the world — beating Rusedski 6-4, 6-7, 7-5 when they played in Seoul on a hard court early in the year.

Rusedski gained his revenge when he beat Damm 6-3, 7-6 at Nottingham on grass in June, just before the Wimbledon championships.

"It is all down to my better

mental approach," Rusedski said. "I am concentrating far better and I'm playing the points really well."

Boris Becker, of Germany, needed four sets to beat Jan Siemerink, of Holland, at the CA Trophy in Vienna yesterday and so secure his first title since injuring his wrist at Wimbledon.

Although Becker, the No 5 seed, was far from his best, he won 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 on the indoor hard courts to claim the 47th title of his career and

third of the year after the Australian Open and Queens.

The victory came as a relief for Becker, who took a long break after tearing a right wrist ligament in a third round match at Wimbledon.

He returned to the circuit last month, but recurring wrist troubles saw him pull out in the first round in Bucharest, lose in the second round in Basle and withdraw from the tournament in Lyons last week.

Becker, 28, will make his next appearance at the Czech indoor open tournament in Ostrava next week, in which he has been drawn to play Frederick Fetterlein, of Denmark, in the opening round.

After Becker won the first set, he lost momentum in the second when games went with services into a tie-break. Both men missed a set point, then Siemerink profited from a backhand from Becker that went wide for 9-7.

Becker, though, recovered his form to take the third and fourth sets in relative comfort.

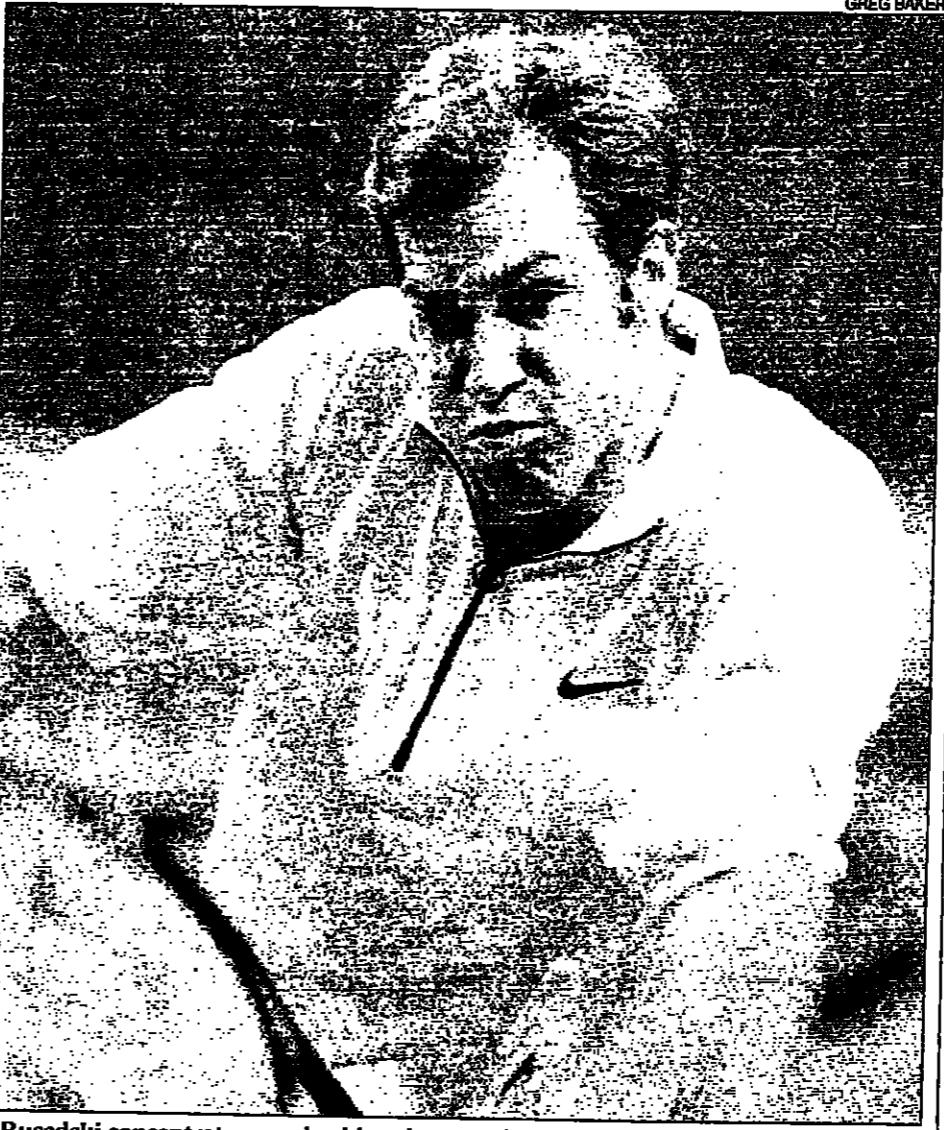
Hingis off the mark

MARTINA HINGIS, the Swiss teenager, claimed her first Women's Tennis Association tournament victory yesterday. She overpowered Anke Huber, the home favourite, to win the final in Filderstadt, Germany 6-2, 6-3.

As a result of her triumph, Hingis, 16, is likely to move up one place to No 9 in the world rankings, which will be updated today. Huber, 21,

should also go up one place to No 4, despite her defeat yesterday, after winning the tournament in Leipzig last Sunday.

Hingis, seeded No 8 in Filderstadt, beat Lindsay Davenport, the Olympic champion from the United States, in the semi-finals and also claimed the scalp of the No 1 seed from Spain, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, in the quarter-finals.



Rusedski concentrates on a backhand return during victory over Damm in Peking

IN BRIEF

Museeuw finds new zest

JOHAN MUSEEUW, the Belgian roadman-sprinter, yesterday won the world road race championship in Lugano less than a week after announcing that he was "fed up with cycling" and would retire without bothering to defend his lead in the last two events of the World Cup series (Peter Bryan writes).

His victory in the 252-kilometre race, on his 31st birthday, could be worth £500,000 should he decide to continue racing next year. He said: "I may now have to rethink my future as world champion but my family is important to me."

The 16.8-km circuit, covered 15 times, included ascents of the Commando and Crespera each lap. Museeuw made his winning move 30km from the finish when his attack took him clear of a leading bunch of seven. Only the Swiss Mauro Giannetti was strong enough to join him.

The pair stayed clear and with a minute in hand prepared for the deciding sprint inside the final kilometre. Giannetti was quickly overcome by the Belgian who had time to sit up and give a victory salute across the line. Max Sciandri, third in the Olympic road race, was Britain's only finisher.

Lordly Lessing
Triathlon: By winning the final of the International Triathlon Grand Prix (ITGP) in Phuket, Thailand yesterday, Simon Lessing, of Great Britain, confirmed that he is the No 1 in the world. Earlier this season, Lessing added a fourth world title to his collection, which now only excludes winning the Hawaii Ironman.

Moxon on mark

Shooting: Flight Lieutenant Neil Moxon, a flying instructor at RAF Brize Norton, yesterday became the first winner of a new European Target Rifle Championship shot at 1,000 yards. He scored 144 out of 150 for a three points lead over Ireland's top scorer, Peter Barry.

McRae's plans
Motor rallying: Colin McRae, the former world champion, yesterday committed himself to the Subaru team for the next two years and revealed that his new co-driver will be Nicky Grist, of Wales.

Towering form
Rowing: Queen's Tower, the umbrella club of Imperial College, produced an impressive hat-trick of wins, including the overall men's title in the Pairs Head from Hamersmith to Mortlake.

René Lacoste
Tennis: René Lacoste, the former Wimbledon, US and French Open champion, has died at his home in Saint-Jean-de-Luz in France. He had been suffering from chronic bronchitis and cancer. Lacoste, 92, won Wimbledon twice (1925, 1928), the US Open in 1926-27 and the French Open in 1925, 1927 and 1929. Ill-health forced him to retire at the age of 25.

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CRICKET

Tendulkar makes successful start

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SACHIN TENDULKAR began his reign as captain of India with a comprehensive seven-wicket victory over Australia in Delhi.

The win — completed on the fourth day — left Tendulkar able to ignore his two failures with the bat and look forward to the one-day series with Australia and South Africa that starts later this week.

"We have made the entire country happy by this victory, and I am confident we will continue winning from here," he said.

Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, and Nayan Mongia, the wicketkeeper, were the architects of India's victory. Kumble recorded his seventh five-wicket haul in Test matches when he took another two wickets in the first session yesterday to finish with five for 67 and an overall match haul of nine for 130.

Mongia scored 152 in the India first innings to effectively bat Australia out of the match. Both captains agreed the innings was the pivotal moment of the match. Tendulkar called it "the most important innings" of his career, and added: "He proved himself against the new ball."

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, said: "Mongia was superb. He showed that the wicket demanded more patience."

Australia were bowled out for 182 and 234 and only a half-century by Steve Waugh in the second innings staved off an even heavier defeat. Taylor was unhappy about the state of the wicket at the Koda ground.

"I have played 70-odd Tests in my career, but never seen such a wicket where the ball was grounded most of the time," he said.

The success of Kumble on



Kumble: nine wickets

the surface made Taylor even more disappointed about the absence of Shane Warne, who stayed at home to recover from surgery.

"If Shane had been there we would have had the best spinner in the world. We were unlucky on that count. But I don't think we were ready for this Test because there have been only one-dayers since March," Taylor said.

Waugh added 41 runs for the ninth wicket with Peter McNamee to remain undefeated on 67, made in 273 minutes off 221 balls with five fours. He became the first Australia batsman to score fifty in the match when he square-drove Kumble for four.

Australia began the day at 168 for six, 11 runs in arrears, but suffered a setback when Kumble had Brad Hogg caught at short leg. Soon after, Kumble trapped Paul Reiffel leg-before and Prasad then cleaned up the tail.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 162 (4 wickets)
1st Innings 162 (4 wickets)

Second Innings

74 R Taylor c Prasad b Kumble 37
M J Slater c Arshad b Johnson 0
P Tonting b Prasad 13
S J Waugh not out 13
Nayan Mongia b Kumble 67
R Tendulkar c Arshad b Kumble 12
B Hogg c Arshad b Kumble 12
P R Kumble b Kumble 4
P E McNamee b Kumble 16
P D McNamee c Mongia b Prasad 0
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Oliver Holt watches Briton roar to victory and fulfil his driving ambition at Suzuka

Hill saves his best until last for Williams

DAMON HILL ended life in the Formula One fast lane at maximum speed here yesterday. The 21st win of his short and glorious career brought many glorious things: his first world title, another victory to add to his already impressive statistics. But, for the Englishman there was a poignant side to it as well. "It was my leaving present to Williams," he said.

Amid all the wild celebrations, there was a tacit admission in Hill's words that he would probably never have the chance to win the title again that once he and the No 1 he has earned with his championship move to the TWR Arrows team next season, he will slip away from the summit of the sport that he has conquered.

Instead of harbouring bitterness at Frank Williams's decision to discard him in favour of the German, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, though, Hill determined to turn the Japanese Grand Prix here yesterday into a celebration of all that has been excellent in his four-year association with the team that has dominated grand prix racing in the 1990s.

"It is all too much," he said. "I cannot find the words. I find it difficult to take it all in. I wanted so much to win the race for Williams so I would like to dedicate this race to them."

I know Jacques Villeneuve will get another chance. He is young and quick and he has taken to Formula One like a duck to water. But to be honest, it had to be this year for me and I am just really delighted that it has happened."

"I did not really react when they told me on the radio that Jacques had gone out because if I had done that, I might as well have parked the car at the side of the track and started celebrating there and then. I knew everyone in the team wanted the win and I wanted to give it to them. I am sorry to be going but what a way to leave."

It was, quite simply, a perfect performance, not a foot wrong, not a wheel out of place. It was replete with racing virtues like aggression and boldness that many have accused Hill of lacking and both his pit stops, exercises that often caused his undoing last season, were faultlessly

executed, allowing him to emerge just in front of Michael Schumacher's Ferrari both times, almost as if he was taunting him.

There was that element to his performance, too, of course, the fact that he dominated the outgoing world champion so comfortably after so many torrid times trailing in his wheel tracks, slowing down at the end of the race so that Schumacher got the full effect of the Williams celebrations on the pit wall.

The Englishman banished the criticism about the faltering starts that had done so much to shrink a 25-point lead midway through the season by leaving Villeneuve, his team-mate and the only man who could grab the championship from him, almost standing still on the grid.

As Villeneuve's wheels spun and his car slewed to the right, his title chances receding with every faltering yard, Hill accelerated away towards the first corner. Villeneuve was sixth by the end of the first lap. Only an accident or a mechanical failure could thwart Hill now.

The only alarm came on the third lap, when Gerhard Berger, who had stuck doggedly to Hill's tail, attempted to dive inside him at the chicane. Hill stuck to his line, unaware of Berger's presence, and just when it seemed a collision was imminent, Berger braked hard and clattered over the kerbing. His evasive action damaged his front wing and effectively ended his challenge.

Hill was never seriously threatened again and his position was strengthened when Villeneuve made his first pit stop on the fifteenth lap and emerged in ninth place. Hill's first stop, three laps later, was a model of efficiency and he left the pit lane with his lead intact but with Schumacher, rather than Mika Häkkinen, his nearest challenger, just over a second behind.

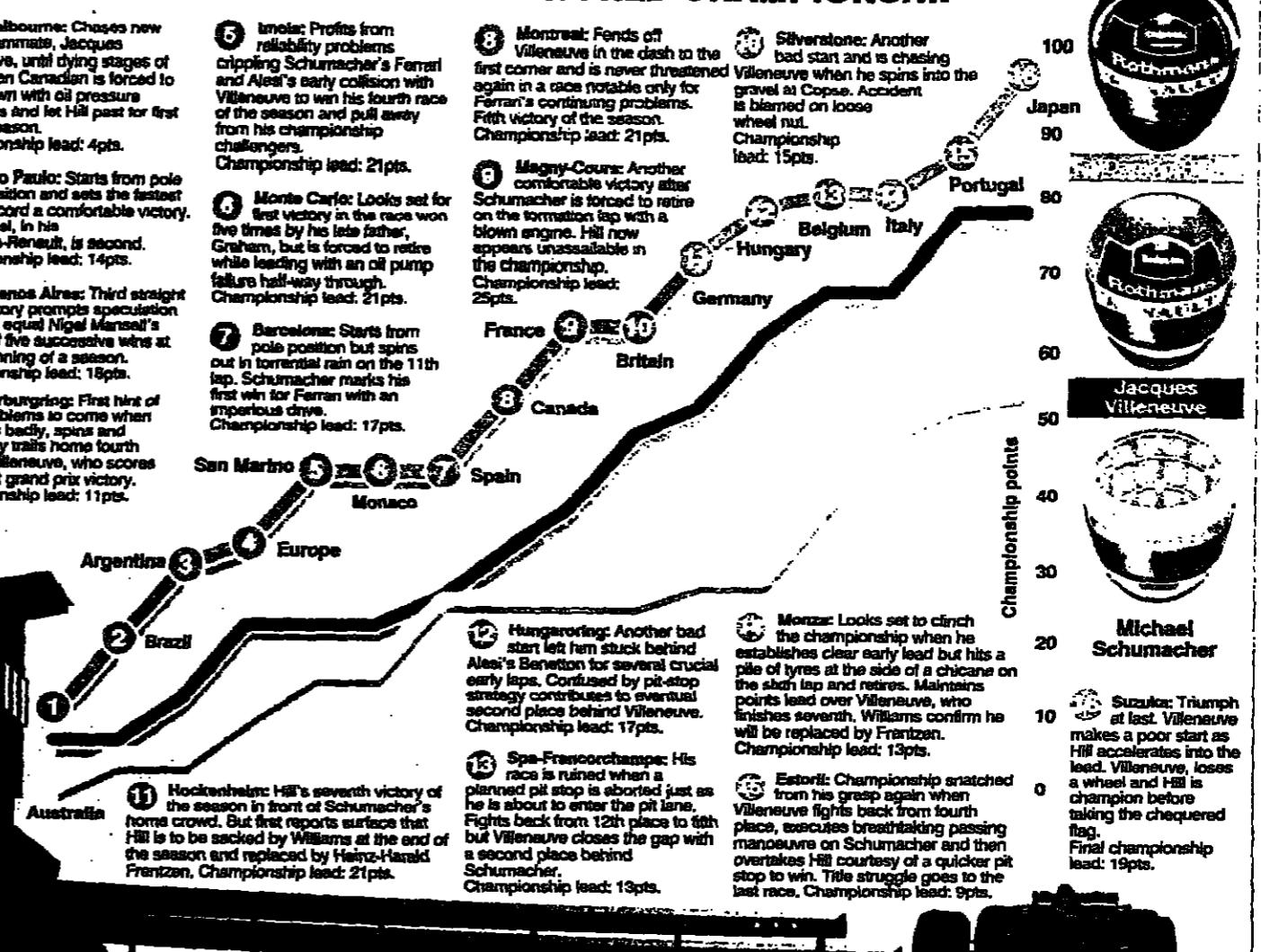
Hill gradually extended his lead over the German. Even when Villeneuve crashed out on the 37th lap, his tyre bouncing past him as he entered Turn One having worked itself loose, Hill pressed on, heartened by the irony of the fact that what seemed like an unfortunate error by the team should have ended his rival's challenge when so many had predicted



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1958	Mike Hawthorn	Ferrari
1959	Graham Hill	BRM
1960	Jim Clark	Lotus Climax
1961	Jim Surtees	Ford
1962	Jim Clark	Lotus Climax
1963	Graham Hill	Tyrrell Ford
1964	Jackie Stewart	Tyrrell Ford
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1966	Jackie Stewart	Williams Renault
1967	Nigel Mansell	Williams Renault
1968	Damon Hill	Williams Renault

DAMON HILL'S ROAD TO THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP



'It had to be this year for me and I am really delighted it's happened'

he might suffer at Williams' hands. In the end, Hill could even afford to veer towards the pit wall on the penultimate lap to give his friends and family a chance to rehearse their celebration when he took the chequered flag. "I was so happy to be out there in the lead, I just thought I would give them a sneak preview just to get them into the spirit of things," he said.

If the bookmakers are any judge, the joy of triumph for Hill and his supporters will not be an experience repeated next year. William Hill have quoted odds of 100-1 against him winning the championship next season. Hill is, however, 5-4 favourite to be named as the BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

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FOOTBALL

Coventry cancel out Le Tissier's moment of magic

Coventry City 1
Southampton 1

By DAVID MILLER

WHEN a club runs out of programmes in the press room nearly an hour before kick-off, and has a sponsored stretcher — Blaggs Bandages — or some such — you know that they are in trouble. At Coventry City, it could also have something to do with the £17 million spent by Ron Atkinson, their manager, a sizeable lump of which still belongs to the banks.

Yesterday, Coventry managed a last-ditch draw, in injury time at the climax of a frenzied match. They and Southampton thus gained their sixth points of the season each. The goal came as Salako crossed from the left. Telfer came in beyond the far post to strike a low drive. Moss, the goalkeeper, failed to hold the ball and Dublin, having come on as substitute 20 minutes from the end — dropped after failing to score in his last 16 matches — swept home the rebound. Home joy was unconfined.

The result was the more important for Coventry in view of who were their opponents — fellow occupants of the FA Carling Premiership basement. There are two competitions in any Premiership season — the first to win it, the second, by the majority of clubs, to remain present when it starts all over again. Coventry and Southampton are usually pre-occupied with the latter.

"Our heads didn't go

down," a relieved Atkinson said afterwards. "If Southampton had won, it would have demoralised our players." He added that Dublin's might prove to be the club's most important goal of the season.

A ray of hope lies in Ndlovu, who came on as a substitute early in the second half, having been absent for many months after injury and a cartilage operation. His electric running on the left flank helped to turn the tide against a Southampton team that had dominated the first hour.

Indeed, Southampton had seemed likely to win courtesy of a peach of a goal by Le

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Tissier. It could be said that Le Tissier occupies a role unique in English football, that of the *fringe* matchwinner. If, in the way that truck drivers have tachometers, footballers wear sweat meters, the graph on Le Tissier's would seldom climb very high. He may be in the England squad, but he is, mostly, a peripheral figure within Southampton's midfield, until those moments when he unveils his particular skills on the ball. Yesterday, he did so after 17 minutes. Atkinson afterwards called it a "wonder goal".

Watson had made one of his bustling runs down the right, fired the ball low into the penalty area and Ogorzivac, advancing from goal to intercept, missed the ball under

pressure from Shipperley. Burrows, the right back, attempted to clear, did so ineffectually and the ball was slid into the path of Le Tissier by Shipperley. From 28 yards, Le Tissier took aim and curled the ball high and wide with his right foot into the top left corner of the net — and all done without a flourish. We were not to see much more of him after that.

It will be a long, hard road for Coventry through to next May. They are the lowest scorers in the division, their aggregate being four scored, 14 conceded. Until Dublin and Ndlovu belatedly arrived on the pitch, their attack carried not much more substance than the tinsel-clad cheerleaders who attempted to rouse crowd morale beforehand and at half-time.

To give Jess his due, he moved into attacking positions from midfield with intelligence and had been unlucky not to give Coventry the lead three minutes before Le Tissier's goal, when a rebound flew straight to him on the edge of the penalty area. Yet no matter how hard Coventry worked, Southampton consistently deflected them with resolute tackling and heading.

Ndlovu came on early in the second half in place of Burrows, which necessitated Telfer dropping back from midfield to full back. Ndlovu making repeated stabs at Slater down Southampton's right flank. It began to take effect and the temperature of the crowd soared when this slender dribbler wove his way past four opponents be-



Le Tissier is foiled by the grounded Burrows at Highfield Road yesterday

fore finally finding his path blocked.

Although Coventry's problem might appear to be a lack of goals, yesterday it seemed also to be one of formation. For much of the match, they were playing with three attackers — Whelan in the middle and Salako and Telfer on the flanks — with Jess in

behind Whelan. This left only McAlister and Richardson to perform the hard graft of ball-winning in midfield, where Southampton, unsurprisingly, had an edge.

Coventry's luck seemed out in the 89th minute when Dublin and Salako opened the defence for Ndlovu to crack a close-range shot, only to

see it rebound clear off Moss's body. Salvation came in injury-time.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Optizovic; B Blomqvist, P Ndlovu, B Sturini, D Burrows (sub: P Williams, 37); J. Dush, M Hall; P Telfer, G McPherson, E Jess, K Richardson (sub: J. Weller, 89). N Mousa (sub: R. Sturani, 78); C Lundström, J Dodd, R Dryden (sub: A. Gómez, 78); S Charlton (sub: M Le Maghribi, 78); A Nelson, E Burrows, 60; N Shropshire (sub: E Ollersdorff, 78). Referee: P Durkin

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Repentant Bosnich affords Villa little comfort

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Aston Villa 0

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

WHY did Mark Bosnich do it? Why did he give a Nazi salute to the crowd behind his goal at White Hart Lane, where he was playing for Aston Villa? The salute led to police questioning, his own abject apology and a probable inquiry by the Football Association.

The gesture was provoked, c. arly, by the fans' chant of "There's only one Jürgen Klinsmann", itself provoked by the goalkeeper's wild lunge at the Germany forward in a match against Tottenham at Villa Park in January 1995.

Since Klinsmann was the subject of that chant, the salute could hardly have had more to do with the old nickname of "Tottenham Yids", long since cheerfully assumed by Tottenham

ham's fans, the bulk of whom, behind that goal, were certainly not Jewish?

Bosnich, who was interviewed by police after the match, later issued a public apology for his action on the BBC Radio phone-in programme, *Six-O-Six*. "I am so sorry if I upset or offended anybody, but I think it is a sad indictment of society that things like this are now taken right out of context," he said.

Whatever the explanation, the incident, which resulted in Bosnich being booked, overshadowed this mediocre game. Tottenham won it — their first home league victory of the season — through a second-half goal by Allan Nielsen.

Ruel Fox, Tottenham's lively right-winger, put over a cross which Nielsen ran on to. He headed the ball on and it took a slightly fortuitous deflection off Ehiogu's hand before the Denmark midfield player struck his shot home.

Brian Little, the Villa manager,

had an air of resignation about him. "I said at half-time that we were going to be a team that's quite interesting to watch play, and that might not win many games. There's a little bit of purpose missing at the moment. There's that killer instinct



Bosnich gives his Nazi salute

missing. At the moment, we're going out there to play, but we've got to add a little bit of something."

To their shame, Villa are already out of the Uefa Cup, eliminated by the modest Helsingborgs, of Sweden. Sasa Curic was not eligible for those two games and would surely have made a difference. The slender Yugoslav, praised by Little — "I think he had, at times, an outstanding game" — was the chief consolation for Villa. Some of his slaloms were astonishing, small miracles of balance and dexterity, as he glided past defenders who seemed sure to stop him.

Curic drove one close range shot over the crossbar late in the game and, almost at once, when Johnson crossed and the disappointing Yorke fumbled, banged in a drive which Walker gallantly turned round his left-hand post.

Curic and his midfield colleague, Draper, controlled the game for much of the first half but with Villa's

strikers — Yorke, and the heavily left-footed Milosevic — responding so ineffectually, it was surprising Little did not bring on Johnson and Joachim much earlier in the game. Throwing on all three substitutes at once smacked of desperation.

The odd thing was that Tottenham improved after losing one of their most effective players, Sinton, the left-winger, with a damaged knee ligament.

Dominant for much of the second half, Gerry Francis, the Tottenham manager, admitted that his team ultimately "had to stand firm and defend right to the final whistle." In the event, they held out, but everyone was talking about Bosnich.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — S Carr, C Calderwood, S Campbell, C Wilson — R Fox, A Nelson (sub: S Netherlands, 50min); A Sinton (sub: J Edwards, 37) — E Shangham, C Anderson, J. Weller.

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — S Staunton, U Ehiogu, I Taylor — F Nelson, M Draper (sub: J Joachim, 78); A Townsend (sub: C Tiley, 78), S Draper, A Wright — S Milosevic (sub: T Johnson, 78), D York. Referee: P Jones (Leicester)

Prudhoe blunder saves Port Vale

Port Vale 1
Stoke City 1

By RICHARD HOBSON

DRESSED in a sober, dark suit, perhaps his Sunday best, John Rudge, the Port Vale manager, bore the grim appearance of an undertaker through most of this game. At the end, though, he could not conceal a smile as a last-gasp equaliser belatedly brought his team and the game to life.

Ken Leach, the referee, had played four minutes of injury time when a looping cross from Steve Guppy found a strong following wind and drifted beyond Mark Prudhoe, the Stoke City goalkeeper. Lee Mills headed into the unprotected net and home supporters immediately rushed on to the pitch to celebrate with a mixture of disbelief and glee.

"I can hardly believe it," Lou Macari, the Stoke manager, said. "Prudhoe could have caught it in his mouth, let alone his hands. It was that easy."

For most of the game, Stoke were far more constructive and deserved to take the lead after 65 minutes. The substitute, Kevin Keen, met a swinging cross from the right from Ally Pickering and, although his stooping header carried little power, it trickled slowly inside the far post.

Rudge went as far as to suggest that it travelled with so little pace that the wind blew it back towards the goal. When it looked to be going wide,

Two soft goals were all a poor game deserved, and for a local derby it was not played

Redknapp consoled by Porfirio's skill

Everton 2
West Ham United 1

By PAT GIBSON

IT WAS one of those rare days when Everton won and Liverpool lost but there was still no great feeling of euphoria at Goodison Park. The Merseyside derby looms at Anfield next Sunday and not even the most blue-eyed Evertonian would have given Julian Dicks much of an argument when he said: "If they play like that, Liverpool will destroy them."

Dicks, the West Ham United captain, is biased, of course, since he enjoyed his brief time on the other side of Stanley Park and would love to see Liverpool win. He was also speaking with a mouthful of sour grapes in his disappointment that West Ham had not turned all their possession into more than one goal — a penalty, blasted home by Dicks four minutes from the end.

He did have a point, however. Everton, already without Ferguson, Riedle and Watson, suffered further injuries to Parkinson (hamstring) and Ebbrell (ankle ligaments) and their manager, Joe Royle, admitted: "We were a bit disjointed at times."

Royle was consoled by the three points that lifted Everton into the top ten of the FA Carling Premiership but, having spent much of the past fortnight scouring the Continent for new talent, he was certainly coveting eyes at Hugo Porfirio, the latest addition to the foreign legion that Harry Redknapp, his West Ham counterpart, has assembled at

Upton Park. "That Portuguese lad looks a bit useful," he sighed. "I think he might be one of the finds there."

Redknapp is sure he has. Porfirio, who is on loan from Sporting Lisbon with a view to a £2.2 million transfer, was a revelation in his first full game. "He's something else, isn't he," Redknapp enthused.

The first time he ran at the Everton defence in the eighth minute, Short scythed him down but the referee, Graham Barber, ignored West Ham's frenzied appeals for a penalty that could have changed the course of the game. The last time he did it, Hinchcliffe took his legs again and not even Barber could deny him his just reward.

In between times, however, Everton had won the game. They went ahead in the fourteenth minute when Parkinson's shot was deflected to the left of the West Ham goal, where Hinchcliffe whipped in a low cross that Stuart rammed past Miklosko.

Then, after the enduring Southall had thwarted West Ham's best efforts with magnificent saves from Dowie, Dicks and Hughes, Everton's crisp passing move of the match, construed down the left, led to Barrett slipping the ball to Speed, who scored with a left-foot shot that Miklosko should have saved. It was the story of West Ham's afternoon.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Smith — E Barber, P Stretford, D Unsworth, A McNamee — A. Ferguson, J. Ebbrell (sub: M. Horne), A. Parkinson, T. S. Smith (sub: J. Grant, 14), G. Dicks (sub: S. D. Smith, 18), B. Parkinson — H. Parkinson, R. Wallace, R. Forster — M. Dowie, N. Bowes, J. D. Hughes, J. Munro, J. Howard — H. Porfirio, D. Speed. Referee: G. Baker

WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L. Miklosko — S. Dowie, M. Horne, J. D. Hughes, J. Munro, J. Howard — H. Porfirio, D. Speed. Referee: G. Baker

West strikes blow for common sense

Southend United 1
Wolverhampton W 1

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

IF THE reports are to be believed, a subtle mood change was detected at many grounds around the country over the weekend. Referees, the bane of the professional football, had, in a sudden and unexpected outbreak of leniency, adopted a more sympathetic stance.

Should the subsequent statistics back up the general feeling, Trevor West, the referee at Roots Hall yesterday, will have done his bit for the promotion of greater understanding and harmony between players and officials. He issued neither yellow nor red card in a keenly contested Nationwide League first division nuzzle, and instead used verbal persuasion as his most potent weapon.

Thus, Southend United and Wolverhampton Wanderers knew where they stood throughout. Not once did they abuse the privilege and, although the occasional niggle was witnessed, it was soon quelled by the mildest of rebukes from West. After all, it is not wise to mess with a police sergeant.

However, other than West's sensible, placid approach, there was little to enthuse about on a pleasant, sunny afternoon in Essex. Southend will feel annoyed at not winning, on their live debut, on extraterrestrial television, while Wolverhampton, shorn of seven players by injuries, will gratefully accept a point when they could so easily have left with nothing.

In Marsh, formerly of Liverpool, West Ham United and Galatasaray, Southend had the most effective performer. His career may have seen better days, in more exalted company, but he can still dominate by speed of thought and precision of pass.

Had his team-mates been able to match Marsh's exploits, or provide greater support, Wolverhampton would have been ground down before Bull's 73rd-minute equaliser, when he nodded in a cross by Venus from close range.

Instead, all Southend had to show for their worthy early efforts was a neatly executed goal from Marsh. "I was reasonably happy with the display but a bit disappointed with the result," Ronnie Whelan, the Southend manager, said. "We always seem to do that — play well in the first half and then relax after the break. It's something we've got to sort out."

Southend had gone ahead in the 38th minute, with West again playing a key role. Many officials would have penalised Marsh's fierce tackle on Dowie, but West, standing only a few feet away, ruled a fair challenge as Marsh gained possession. Nielsen then wheeled away to the left, pulled the ball back to the edge of the area and Marsh supplied the first-time finish past Stowell, aided by a deflection off Richards.

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): S. Royce — A. Rickett, J. Luton (sub: S. Flynn, 80min), P. McNamee, S. Dowie, P. Williams, J. Williams, P. Williams (sub: A. Richards, 78) — G. Dowie, D. Stowell (sub: M. A. Ward, 78), D. Stowell (sub: M. A. Ward, 78). Referee: G. Baker

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-4-2-1): M. Stowell, D. Richards, M. Adams, M. Bowes, R. Smith, S. Parkinson (sub: J. D. Dowie, R. van der Leest, 78) — S. Bowes, J. Munro, J. Howard — H. Porfirio, D. Speed. Referee: G. Baker

Newcastle on summit as Keegan preaches new creed

Derby County 0
Newcastle United 1

By MARK HODKINSON

By KEITH PIKE

A CONTENTED smile — a twinkle in his eyes, Kevin Keegan's conversion to stoicism has an almost evangelical zeal. The after-match sermon was a paean to the prosaic, and he called upon words like "resilience", "tough", and "work-rate" to describe Newcastle United's performance. "No one calls us the entertainers any more. We are the grinders," he laughed. He was, of course, exaggerating, for there is too much flair and personality in his team to remain bridled for any length of time, but there is now a distinctively gritty edge to their career.

The most eloquent of the BBC's studio experts in the summer, the winner of several "best-dressed" awards, Gullit can now add another multi-lingual line to his CV: take of hard decisions.

Much of his belligerence comes from David Batty. In the professional game, his style of play, all hurry and scurry, is known as "rating".

Although Lee and Beardsley play the role with more finesse, Batty is the King Rat and his ode to joy is a shimp rattled on an ankle nipp.

"I'm pleased with our performance," Keegan said. "We restricted them to very few chances, and showed a lot of resilience. Derby is not an easy place to come to and get a result. We have a tremendous team spirit — and you can't buy that."

That spirit is most evident in

Last stop Accrington for the ultimate prodigy



There's a guy works down the chip shop ... Moulden, former footballer, at work and, right, celebrating his teenage goalscoring exploits with father Tony, centre, and Eric Mullinder, of Bolton Lads



Football has finally caught up with Paul Moulden, the forward

whose career went backward. Mark Hodgkinson begins a

series on potential greats who fell foul of sport's black hole

Footballers, because they are invariably young and extremely fit, are bathed in light. Their skin shines, their gestures are brisk, they exude life. Paul Moulden still carries this halo of effervescence. He also has the inventory of a footballer's life — the large house in the suburbs, a modern dress sense and a frank, cordial manner: a footballer likes to get along with everyone.

Unfortunately, football and

Paul Moulden have not been getting on at all well. Since leaving Manchester City in 1989 he has traversed the leagues, with the final stop-offs at Huddersfield Town, Rochdale and Accrington Stanley. Now, for the first time since he was ten, his Saturdays are his own. It has been one hell of a journey.

Others have endured the ignominy of this down escalator, but few are former England schoolboy and youth internationals, or have had their goalscoring prowess registered in *The Guinness Book of Records*. Perhaps more poignant is Moulden's age — he has just turned 29, no age at all in the modern game.

'At 16, he was a legend before his career had even begun'

Lads, Moulden was never on the losing side. Two of his team-mates also graduated to the professional game — Julian Darby with Bolton Wanderers and Ian Scott with Manchester City. At 16, Moulden joined City, somewhat abashed, to find himself a goalscoring legend before his professional career had begun.

The goals continued. He was top scorer for the reserves during the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons. On New Year's Day, 1986, he finally made his Football League debut, an episode tinged by farce. Moulden had travelled to Aston Villa to make up the numbers, he believed. Billy

McNeill, the City manager, had a peculiar way of announcing the team. Players not selected would receive chips with their pre-match meal. Moulden's arrived without chips. He was in.

During the match there was

a portent of a career to come. He was put through on goal with a five-yard start on Paul Elliott. Moulden said: "He caught me up. Paul was quick, but I realised I didn't have the pace. I ran fast over a few yards and my brain works quickly enough, but really I should have seen then and there ..."

Despite a healthy return of 18 goals in 64 first-team games for City, Moulden was not considered an authentic first-teamer. McNeill left, to be replaced in time by Mel Machin who, in Moulden's footballing vernacular, did not "fancy" him. He was the first of several to feel that way.

"I've learnt that you can't really persuade a manager to change his mind once it's made," Moulden said. "I play as I do and I've got confidence in myself, but I remember Mel always saying he was

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goalscoring record speaks for itself, but the game is so quick these days. Having said that, I am surprised he's now in non-league football. It seems a waste."

Royle also feels that Moulden has slipped prematurely out of the professional game. "I bought him as a back-up striker and when I played him he often scored," he said. "He was a very hard worker, but I felt he ran with the ball too much and he could have been a yard quicker. I

would have still thought he was talented enough to have had a longer career."

Moulden finished his pro-

fessional career at Rochdale in May, released by Mick Docherty, for Moulden claimed, refusing to carry out an explicit brief to "get his arms up and crunch people". Moulden's subsequent decision to quit was born not from bitterness or disquiet, but a pragmatic acceptance that he had to find a new club.

Such players, though often coveted by fans, are seen as a luxury in the modern game. Their area of expertise is too narrow. "I was looking for someone who was more of an athlete," Machin said. "His

life, a proper life that is, at some point, and now seems like the right time."

He has bought a chip shop close to Bursden Park and is resolute about making the business a success. "It's the best thing I've done in the past few years," he said. "I'm working hard at it, doing 12 hours a day and, unlike football, it stands and falls on my own efforts, though Clare [his wife] and my mum and dad have been a great help."

Until a few weeks ago he was still playing. He signed for Accrington Stanley, in the Unibond League, aware of the club's status in football

folklore as an aphorism of antiquity and failure, but it was an opportunity to play the game he still adores. After being left out of the squad for a match with Lancaster City, he resigned.

"We got a new manager and he was another who didn't fancy me. That's the way it goes, isn't it?" he sighed. And then, smiling, he added: "I have been asked to train with another non-league team and an agent from Scotland has been chasing me." His skin is still shining.

City prove early point to Coppell

Queens Park Rangers ... 2
Manchester City ... 2

By Nick SZCZEPANIK

TO HEAR managers talk, every job is the biggest, the most challenging, the most demanding in football. But when Steve Coppell admitted to having felt a little daunted before his first game in charge of Manchester City, it was hard not to sympathise.

"Everyone said: 'Congratulations, but it's a hard job,'" he said. "By 'hard job', they mean a long job and there are going to be setbacks. Given the history, if I think I'm going to be there a year and make everything change, I'm stupid."

Few have ever accused Coppell of being that. More often, he has had time to recharge his batteries for the long haul ahead of him, while also taking stock. The long haul will not include the long ball. "It's three and a bit years since I've been in charge of a team, and footballing fashions have changed," he said. "So I've adapted to them. If you try to do the same things you did five, six years ago, you're an ostrich, aren't you?"

One thing that never seems to change is City's tendency to shoot themselves in the foot. After looking comfortable in the opening stages at Loftus Road, they handed a young Queens Park Rangers side the initiative when McGoldrick's misplaced header forced Dibble, the goalkeeper, to head away from Slade. The ball fell to Sinclair, who saw the chance to hit a controlled, side-foot volley back over Dibble from 35 yards. He described it later as the most satisfying

goal of his career. Bearing in mind his transfer request last Monday, did his joyful celebration honour the pure contribution to Rangers' cause, or the enhancement of his prospects of a transfer to an FA Carling Premiership club?

City went further behind on the half-hour when Impay headed down for Murray to score. Brightwell's immediate reply, a fierce volley that went off the crossbar, was, according to Stewart Houston, QPR's manager, "the turning point of the game".

How right he was. From then on, with a new manager to impress, City dominated, Kinkladze growing stronger by the minute, despite his exertions for Georgia in their midweek international against Italy. After a number of penalty appeals, Kinkladze emasculated from the spot after his chip over Somers was handled on the goalline by Impay, who had been lucky to stay on the pitch earlier after what looked like a left hook landed on Thomas. There was no respite this time, and QPR's ten men were relieved to hear the final whistle.

"We're disappointed, we didn't win," Dibble said. "It was the quietest game I've had all season. We're pleased Steve's got the job, and that Asa [Hartford, the caretaker manager] is still with us — he's given a lot to the club. We can all work together, and go from strength to strength."

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Tale of two penalties as Rangers rue missed opportunity

Paul van Gaal sounded like an enthralled anthropologist, describing the blood feud of primitive tribes. "It was very exciting, a struggle for life," he said. Ajax manager was at Easter Road on Saturday to watch his club's next opponents in the European Cup, Champions League, Rangers, as they lost 2-1 to Hibernian. He can have made few notes, for there was nothing cerebral about this game.

Every instinct was indulged and the spectacle was an affront to the self-sacrificing values preached by Van Gaal in Amsterdam. The drubbing of Laudrup and Gascoigne was brilliant, but they played for themselves and not for the team," he said. As Van Gaal would agree, however, this was a match of marauding emotions; and only the most bloodless individual could have abided by a tactical plan.

Hibernian, who had fallen behind to a merciless free-kick from Jorg Albertz in the ninth minute, won because they plucked two goals from the short spell when the Rangers defence was infected by the general havoc.

Hibernian's results have been tolerable this season and even last month, in the weekend before Alex Miller resigned as manager, they had a laudable victory over Aberdeen at Pittodrie. It was the blandness, the habit of losing derby matches to Heart of Midlothian, the regular bashes from the Old Firm that enraged supporters.

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Most clubs are mediocre, but they remain healthy as long as fans believe that success, somehow and someday, is still possible. Miller's position became untenable after ten years with Hibernian, because that faith had died. Nobody, of course, liked to reflect that his successor will be left with the same bunch of players and an identical lack of cash.

Hibernian are continuing with the attempt to wrinkle Alex McLeish away from Motherwell, even though they were denied permission to speak to him on Friday.

Rangers, winners in their first seven matches in the Bell's Scottish League premier division, were the better side and would have built an insurmountable lead had Eric Bo Andersen been so fearless in his finishing.

Some matches, though simply will not listen to reason. Hibernian had been vapid until, in the 88th minute, Darren Jackson was fouled by Joachim Bjorklund. The offence was committed just outside the area, but the referee, Stuart Dougal, awarded a penalty and Jackson converted it slickly.

After that piece of unfair assistance, it may have been glee that gushed through Hibernian's veins and for a while their play was exuberant. The winner came after 62 minutes when Willie Miller, a right back operating on the left, delivered a low centre that Graeme Donald belted home.

Hibernian, who had Jocky Scott in charge as caretaker-manager, retained that lead because likely punishment dissolved into eccentricity. Six minutes from the end, the referee gave Rangers a penalty after consulting a linesman.

Although Gordon Hunter's foul of Laudrup had begun outside the area, the official, properly, seems to have decided that the advantage rule applied until the ball was brought down. Laudrup, a man with little taste for finishing, was a curious choice to attempt the spot-kick and he drove his first effort against the bar. The referee, however, had noted an offence that is much practised and rarely punished. Andy Miller had encroached and a referee of that penalty was ordered. Laudrup shot weakly and the afternoon was to give Rangers one further reason to wince. While the players were making their way to the dressing room at Easter Road, Pierre Van Hooydonk, in injury time, was scoring the only goal of Celts' match with Motherwell, so cutting the Ibrox club's lead in the table to two points.

Gradi's youth plan pays rich dividend

Crewe Alexandra 2
Brentford 0

By DAVID MADDOCK

IT IS 15 minutes before kick-off, and Dario Gradi, the manager of Crewe Alexandra, is going through one more tactical ploy. His club is facing Brentford, who are top of the table, but, even with his undoubted skills, the team that Gradi is coaching would be hard-pressed to give Brentford a game. Their tallest player is touching four feet.

Welcome to the second division of the Nationwide League: the realities of a life where the downward trickle of television-money has stopped and necessity demands that Gradi puts his energies into coaching children, even on match-days. "There is nothing I can say to the first team, we have done the work in the week, so I am better off out of the dressing-room," he said. "These kids are our future; where my time is most productive on match-days."

Gradi had obviously done plenty of homework because Brentford, five points clear at the top before kick-off, were made to look relegation candidates. It was hard to see how they had remained unbeaten this far into the season.

The answer probably lies in organisation and strength. Crewe play football — to an extent — because Gradi demands it. Brentford were strong in the tackle and disciplined at the back. Sadly, it is those qualities that are more likely to earn promotion.

Brentford are proof, though of falling standards. A few years ago, the likes of George Graham could go shopping in

Houchen heads for trouble

Ivo Tannant on the
likely ramifications
of an unsavoury
North East derby

League expressing my concern." Now, he was apoplectic. Mick Tait, his assistant, admitted that Houchen could face a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. "But we had one of the best referees in our division and he was not honest enough to admit he blew his whistle before Darlington's second goal," Tait said.

There was no doubt that Houchen's defence played to the whistle. The question was whether it was blown by the referee, who denied doing so, or from within the crowd.

In the programme, Houchen had written of his team's previous match, in which they were defeated by Cambridge United, that "we were badly let down by the officials and I have written to the Football

Officer that incidents of this

nature are dealt with by the football authorities.

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, seems certain to be the subject of disciplinary action by the Football Association (FA) after his Nazi salute to Tottenham supporters at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

Bosnich was interviewed by police after the match and a statement from Scotland Yard said that an investigation into an alleged racial gesture was continuing. However, the FA has a tacit agreement with the Association of Chief Police Officers that incidents of this

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GOLF: VICTORIES BY MICKELSON AND STRICKER END NEW ZEALAND CHALLENGE ON OLD COURSE AT ST ANDREWS

United States seal Dunhill Cup treble

By JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NOT often is the Old Course bathed in a sun and light of such benevolence and beauty as it was for the final of the Dunhill Cup yesterday. A painter of repute would be required to do justice to the glory of the scene at St Andrews, where the United States defeated New Zealand 2-1 to win this team competition.

Sadly, though, some of the lustre was taken from the occasion of the third victory by the United States in an unseemly row between Phil Mickelson and Jarmo Sandelin, of Sweden, after they had met in a morning semi-final. In the main, the sportsmanship demonstrated at recent Ryder and Presidents Cup matches has been enviable enough to earn praise from those inside and outside golf.

Mickelson did not feel that Sandelin's behaviour after beating Nick Price in the Sweden versus Zimbabwe match on Friday, and over the opening holes against him yesterday morning, matched these standards. "These are wonderful events that promote sportsmanship and camaraderie internationally," Mickelson said. "I think it is important to keep these events in high esteem and to promote good sportsmanship. When Sandelin beat Price, Mickelson said, "it could have been handled better by the Swede".

So Mickelson had something to get off his chest even before he and the Swede began their match. Mickelson's humour was not improved by the fact that he was not playing particularly well and was trailing the Swede by two strokes when they reached the 12th tee. Sandelin uses a 51-inch driver, with which he clubs the ball enormous distances, and is given to expressive outbursts at moments of success.

"I just tried to make my putts and was happy when I did," Sandelin said, "but I did nothing really and I can't understand why he said these things. I just showed I was pleased when I holeled putts."

Having defeated the Swedes 2-1 in the morning, the Americans shuffled their order, putting Steve Stricker into the third spot for the final, where he was to meet Grant Waite, the man whose victory over Wayne Westner at the third extra hole in the morning had dismissed South Africa from the competition.

The more one sees of



Light haze descends at the end of a glorious day at St Andrews as the United States team moves towards winning the title again

Stricker the more impressive he looks. His face is that of a teenager, his golf that of a player verging on world class. An outcrop of blond hair at the back of his head only adds to the impression that he should be studying political science at Yale, not, as he did this week, beating all five of his opponents in this event.

Waite was no match for Stricker. Though Waite held the lead early on, he could not match Stricker's consistency over the inward nine and, anyway, failed to get out of the Road Hole bunker at his first attempt. Stricker's 67 was his lowest round of the week.

Frank Nobilo held off Mark O'Meara, winning by three strokes. O'Meara, these days, has something of the old soldier about him. Broad-shouldered and stocky, and greying at the edges, he walks the fairways with his arms swinging vigorously. O'Meara is having one of his

most successful seasons; but when Nobilo made two definitive thrusts he had no answer.

The first came when the New Zealander struck a remarkable shot from the Hell bunker on the 14th to set up a

birdie. The second was a wonderful curling putt for a four on the 16th. Nobilo's putt had at least two yards of borrow, and he judged it so well it caught the left edge before spinning away.

O'Meara three-putted. Any chance O'Meara had of catching Nobilo, by now three strokes ahead, disappeared when Nobilo got a four on the 17th from the Road Hole bunker.

So Mickelson, the leader of the American money-list, was in a situation he relishes, being the centre of attraction. As he did against the Englishman, Lee Westwood, he began to play better the longer the game went on. He drew level when Greg Turner, three-putted the 13th and got two more strokes ahead on the 16th. Turner took a five, but Mickelson's second, hit with a three-iron, pitched past the hole and, under the influence of the spin he had put on it, began working its way back until it stopped less than three feet away.

The United States won

because of their strength in depth. Stricker was unbeaten, Mickelson pulled himself out of two tight corners and was never over par. O'Meara led from the front. "We felt that we had assembled a team," O'Meara said. And so it proved. They won £100,000 each for their week's work.

HOCKEY

Undefeated run ended by Barford

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

OLD LOUGHTONIANS suffered their first defeat in the premier division of the National League when they were beaten 2-1 by Barford Tigers yesterday, after a 2-0 victory over Havant on Saturday.

Julian Halls, the mainstay of the Old Loughtonians defence, was unavailable for both matches and his preoccupation with coaching duties in Guernsey will also keep him away this weekend. Without him, Barford took control of the match yesterday with goals in the first half by Amarjit Duggan and Jimmy Singh. Lee replied for Old Loughtonians eight minutes before the end.

In the earlier of two matches yesterday at Chiswick, East Grinstead lost control of a game that they should have won and drew 2-2 with Teddington, whose sound defence kept East Grinstead in check until the 34th minute, when Bhanti scored.

A long hit by Way found Billson on his own inside the circle to equalise three minutes into the second half and inject new life into Teddington. The lead, that Collins had restored for East Grinstead in the 42nd minute, was cancelled out by McBride in the 59th with some help from Billson.

Reading followed their 2-0 defeat of Southgate on Saturday with a 5-0 away victory over Hounslow in the second match at Chiswick.

Old Loughtonians, Reading and Barford Tigers share the leadership of the premier division and Bexton are two points clear of Harlesden Magpies at the top of the first division.

The highlight of play on Saturday was the marksmanship of Jennings, who scored four goals for Crayford from short corners in a 5-2 victory over Canterbury.

White to the rescue for Slough

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SLOUGH knew that they would have to pull out all the stops to preserve their position at the head of the women's premier division when they met Clifton, and it took a late equaliser by Kate White to ensure that they remain three points clear of the Bristol side.

The top-of-the-table clash failed to produce the quality or the result that Slough — champions four times — would have liked, but, in the opinion of their captain, Sue Chandler, a fortnight's break is just what they need to iron out a few faults.

Trailing to a seventh minute penalty corner goal by Lucy Culiford, Slough fought their way back to level terms when White found the target in her side's 4-3 win against Sutton Coldfield. The fourth was scored by Annalisa Bishop, a pupil at Greenbank High in Southport, who was making her debut for the club.

At Hightown, Tina Cullen, the England striker and the league's all-time leading goal scorer, led the way for the champions with a hat-trick in her side's 4-3 win against Sutton Coldfield. The fourth was scored by Annalisa Bishop, a pupil at Greenbank High in Southport, who was making her debut for the club.

The Trojans' forward, Kath James, was also among the goals, hitting a second consecutive hat-trick as her team mates faltered.

Vickey Dixon, the former England and Great Britain defender now playing in attack for Ipswich, netted two penalty corners in the 3-0 win against Doncaster to put them level on seven points with Clifton and Hightown.

In the first and second divisions, Olton and Old Loughtonians retained their unbeaten records. Olton defeating Canterbury 2-1 and Loughtonians beating St Albans 2-1.

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SAILING: SHARK ALERT AND SHREDDED SAIL KEEP CREW ON THEIR TOES

Steering into the teeth of adversity

James Capstick tells how an unusual visitor made its presence felt on the control gear

Kennedy, is a fully paid up member of Shark Watch.

Later on the same day another event occurred again while I was off duty. I was summoned on deck to see at first hand the effect of what is referred to in nautical terms as "banging the kite". When a kite is banged 3,500ft of perfectly serviceable sailcloth is turned into confetti and, as one of the two aboard with special responsibility for sail

repairs, I was left with the task of putting it back together. We are presently on day three — and still sewing.

Life aboard *Ocean Rover* has become a bit like police work with long periods of routine interjected by short periods of hyperactivity. We have been at sea now for about 14 days and are presently storming down the coast of Africa towards the equator, having sailed about half a rudder.

As they were about to go and get their costumes on a huge splash from the stern grabbed our attention and we watched as a 15ft shark swam away. Billy managed a week "Oh my" as the beast made its escape. It is ironic that the helmsman at the time, Dave

our 5,000 miles to Rio. It seems to get hotter and more humid daily with shorts and T shirts the order, even at night.

Working below decks is

horrendous and cool places to sleep are at a premium. I'm

sure that in the coming months when we are in the iceberg infested Southern Ocean we will look back with longing.

Twenty-four hours a day the boat is racing and we

wait for the race position updates to see how we are

doing. We have already

logged the longest distance

run in a 24-hour period when we ran over 240 miles which

included a night spent in a

rolling sea in 35 knots of wind,

surfing down waves and never

going under 12 knots.

I remember helming and having to use all my strength to stop the boat rounding up and broaching — it was both

terrifying and exhilarating.

I have managed to phone

home a couple of times. My

wife, Tracey, tells me she has

written a piece for *The Times*

which, among other things,

prompted Chay Blyth to write

to her — although she will not

tell me what she said so I'll

not say more.

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Crofts determined to try for third British title

David Powell on a champion athlete fighting back from serious illness

CLARE CROFTS was not in the race for victory in the Langdale Horseshoe fell run on Saturday but she was in the race, which was the extraordinary thing.

Life goes in two for Crofts: two British fell running titles, two England team silver medals from the World Mountain Running Trophy. More recently, two serious illnesses.

Only six months after an operation to remove a tumour from her uterus, Crofts is back in the racing routine. This time, she hopes, to stay.

She has had one false start already: when the tumour was discovered, she had just begun a comeback from viral encephalitis, an acute inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, resulting in chronic headaches, loss of feeling in the lower limbs, and variable heart rates.

On Saturday, Crofts raced 14 miles, including a 4,000ft climb over rough Lakeland fells, but there was a time when she could not walk around the corner to her local shops.

After the illness struck in 1992, she was housebound for seven months. "I started to lose sensory and motor function in my feet, so I could not feel what I was touching,"

races remain so Crofts can get on with her training.

She does not dismiss the possibility of a third British title. "I would like to think I can win it again but I do not want to put too much pressure on myself," she said.

Any future successes would owe a great debt of gratitude to Trowbridge. "I think if it had not been for him I would have packed it in," Crofts said.

"He is the only person who believed I could get back to the level I was running at a few years ago."

Crofts was not as far behind her best as her time on Saturday suggests. It was a grey, rainy, miserable morning. The runners were slowed down by poor visibility that prevents them identifying the shortest racing line. Ian Holmes, the British champion, won despite getting lost, recording 2hr 09min 09sec.

"We ran 60 per cent of the race in the fog," Holmes said.

Holmes lost time on the course and Angharad conceded time at the start. She was in the toilet when the race began.

"I had taken my watch off and did not know what the time was," she said. It was her good fortune that Crofts, for now at least, is not the formidable fell runner she used to be.

"We knew exercise reduces hypertension and took a calculated risk," Tony Trowbridge, her coach, said. "She wanted to get back to running and decided the quality of life was important."

Crofts, who survives on a diet of fruit and water, and hardly anything else, ran in five races but looked nothing like the athlete she had been.

The second problem was lurking, she said. "I knew some-



Crofts finishes sixth in the Langdale Horseshoe fell run on Saturday

Reid earns reward for switch

ROBIN REID, the unbeaten Runcorn boxer, continued his inexorable rise when he defeated Vincenzo Nardiello in Milan to claim the World Boxing Council super-middleweight title.

Reid, 25, stopped the former policeman seconds from the end of the seventh round on Saturday night, and is now in line for a lucrative bout against Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation champion, or Nigel Benn.

Marvin Hagler, once the undisputed world middleweight champion, who now lives in Italy, saw Reid's triumph. "Hagler told me that I looked like a champion from the start and boxed well," Reid said. "He said he could see I was hungry, and if I keep that hunger I would keep hold of the title. Some people said I didn't deserve the chance because I hadn't fought for a British or European title. My promoter, Frank Warren, had confidence in me to win a world title in Italy, in Nardiello's back yard."

Nardiello, who sustained two cracked bones in his left hand, went down three times before Reid switched to southpaw in the seventh round to end the bout.

Football grapples with problems of pay-per-view

An American friend once told me of a horror visit to Stamford Bridge with her Chelsea-supporting boyfriend. At half-time, she wanted to go to the toilet, but could not find the ladies. In desperation, she ventured towards the gents, only to retreat swiftly.

Those days are almost gone. Stadiums have become all-seared, with rapidly improving amenities, reasonable food and, increasingly, sell-out audiences capitalising on football's renewed popularity. But there is a great threat looming — live, pay-per-view television coverage of matches.

The idea of pay-per-view is simple. Because of digital television technology, hundreds of channels will soon be available via satellite and cable services. A broadcaster could, for example, turn over 20 channels to football, showing all the Saturday matches in the FA Carling Premiership live, plus some from the Nationwide League. These can be encrypted and a decoder given to viewers who will be able to activate it with a smart card — a plastic card implanted with a silicon chip.

A service like this is already up and running in France, run by Canal Plus. In Italy, there are tests of a pay-per-view service and, in Germany, there has been a full dummy run, showing both the German Grand Prix and Bundesliga games. The innovation in Germany is for one game to be shown on four channels simultaneously, with different camera angles and commentaries on different channels.

In the United Kingdom, pay-per-view could be with us as soon as the beginning of the 1999 football season. As part of the new television deal struck between the Premiership and BSkyB, which is partly owned by News International, the publishers of *The Times*, football clubs can start a pay-per-view service with anyone they like in the 1999-2000 season. BSkyB is already gearing up for this and will soon announce a contract, probably with Pace Micro Technology, for digital boxes that can receive its planned 200 channel service.

Yet how will this work in



practice and how much will it cost? Football clubs are concerned that pay-per-view will hit attendances, as supporters stay home in the warm and watch live television rather than venture miles to the ground, so they are keen for some sort of package that encourages people to also attend games.

The most likely solution is the Italian idea of an electronic season ticket. If, for example, you were an Arsenal fan, you would buy a smart card that would give you a number of credits that could be exchanged for either admission to Highbury or the chance to watch Arsenal's game live on television.

A year ago, the Premiership surveyed 4,000 football fans to see whether they would watch pay-per-view and how much they would pay. The response, even at £10 a match, was strong enough to indicate that the total income from pay-per-view could be as high as £2.5 billion a year.

Even at £5 a time, which is the price many expect pay-per-view games to start at, the income is astonishing. This weekend Manchester United play Liverpool, a game that last year commanded an audience of five million on Sky Sports. If all of those viewers paid £5, the income from the game would be £25 million. The income from a capacity Old Trafford is a mere £1.4 million a game.

The massive earning potential of pay-per-view means that the clubs will push to bring it in as soon as possible. It will also widen the gulf between the big clubs, which will be able to reap the rewards of a large supporter base, and their poorer brethren.

JASON NISSE

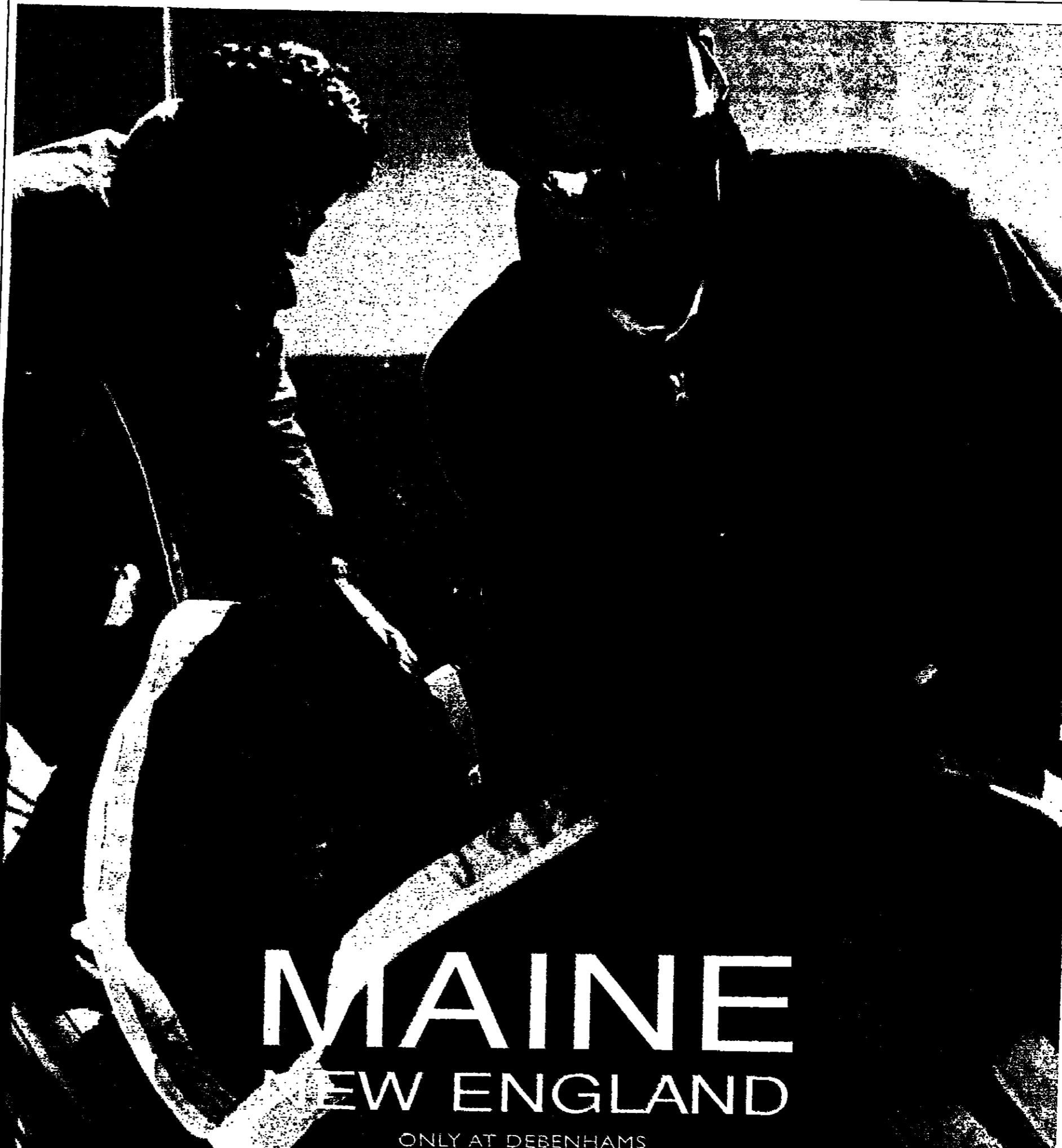
BASEBALL

Strawberry picks his moment for Yankees

THE New York Yankees, the most famous of all baseball teams, yesterday stood on the threshold of their first World Series for 15 years after defeating the Baltimore Orioles 8-4 to take a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven American League championship series (Keith Blackmore writes).

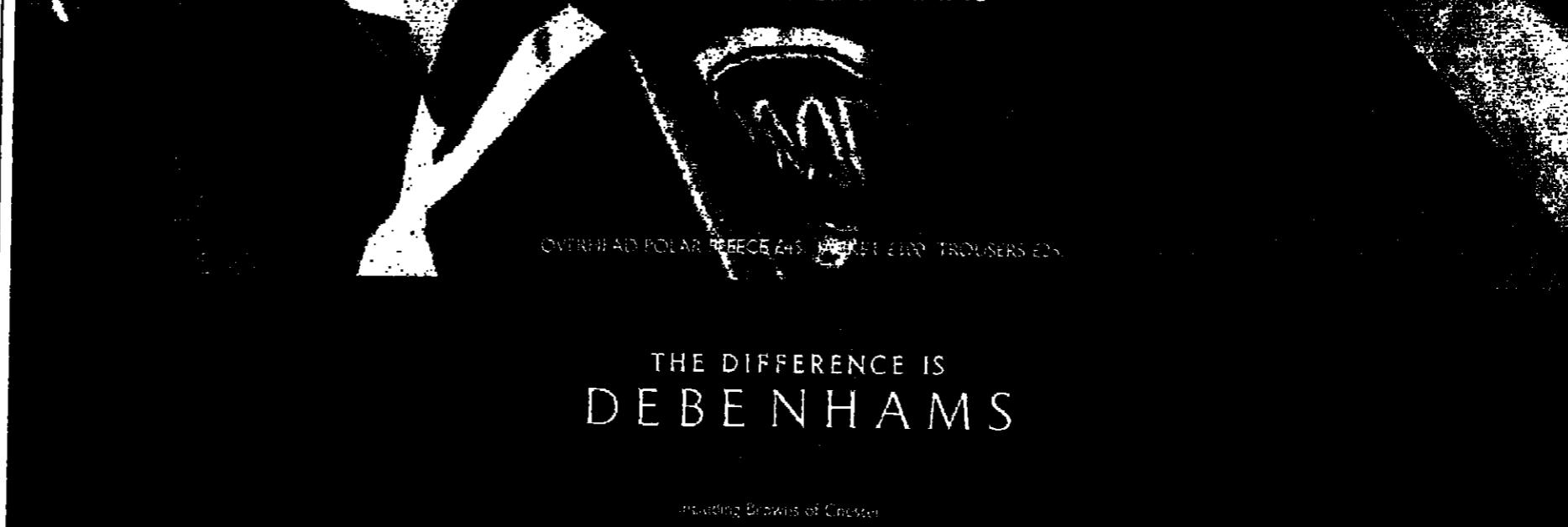
One more win last night, at the Orioles' home park, Camden Yards, where the Yankees have won all eight previous meetings of the teams this season, would settle the matter and send New York into a frenzy of anticipation.

Their first championship since 1981 was all but delivered



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RUGBY UNION: HEINEKEN CUP AT LAST THROWS UP CROSS-BORDER SKIRMISH TO SAVOUR

Davies drops hint of Cardiff's ability

Wasps 24
Cardiff 26

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

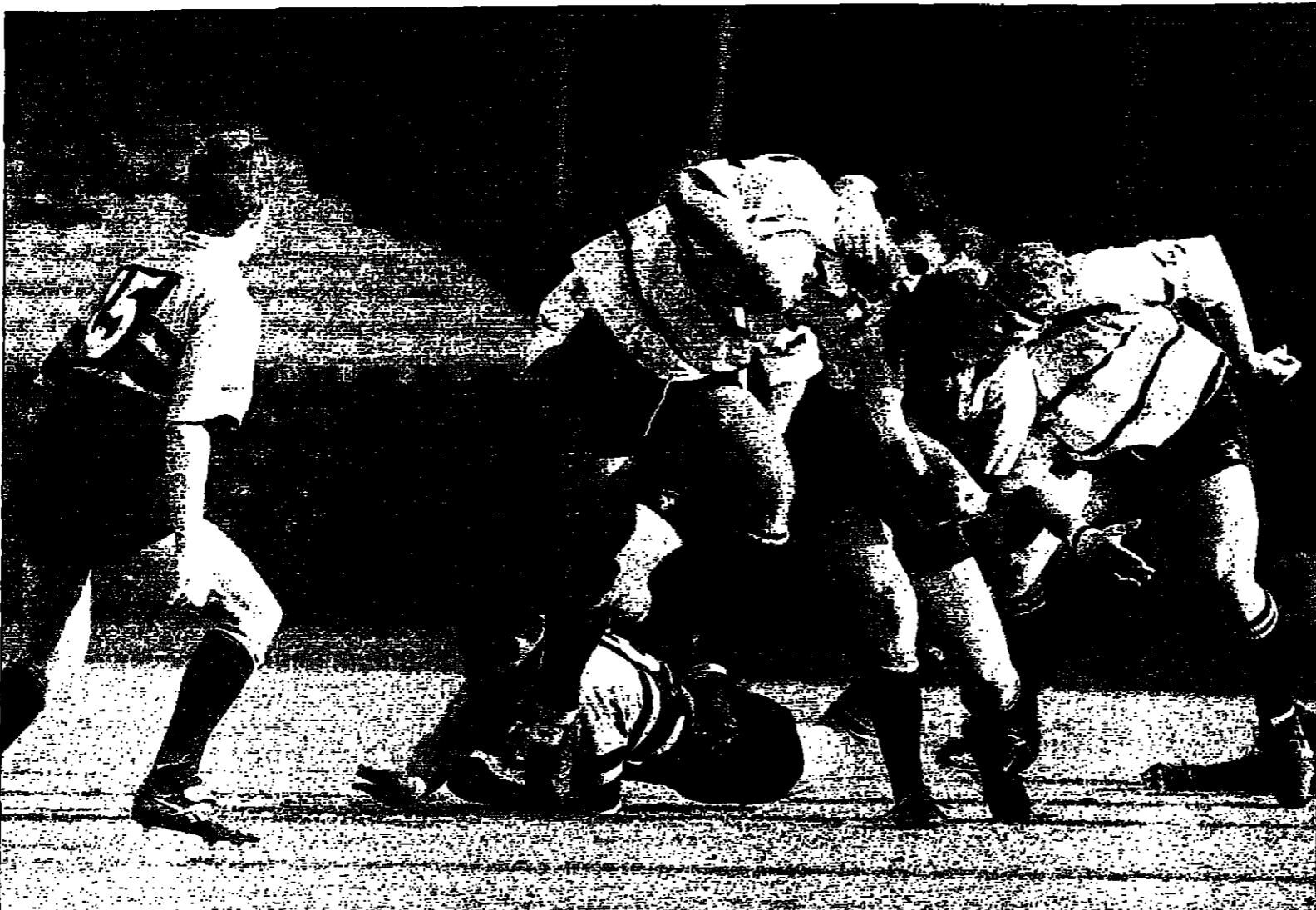
JUST when an act of the grandest larceny hovered in the sunny air above Loftus Road yesterday, Jonathan Davies showed that, though his 33-year-old legs are not as swift as they were, he can still prove a match-winner. His second dropped goal, skimming over from 30 metres, snatched the most deserved of victories for Cardiff in this Heineken Cup pool D encounter.

Less than a year ago, Cardiff graced the final of the inaugural European competition and lost to Toulouse. Less than a month ago, Europe was far from their thoughts as they struggled desperately to win a match in the Welsh League. Now, their horizons are broadening.

Here, at last, was a genuine Anglo-Welsh contest, even though it was set on the European stage, and Cardiff, with a thoroughly old-fashioned display, demonstrated that, if the basic elements of defence and set-piece solidarity are in place, the fluid style of Wasps lacks the precision required to be successful.

It may be argued that Wasps would have won if they had taken any one of the three glaring opportunities that they created in the second half, but the fact remains that their own lack of judgment prevented them, as well as the desperate Cardiff defence. Once, Andy Gomersall kicked when he had two supporters in space outside him; once, Nick Greenstock did the same; and, criminally, Damian Cronin chose to go himself and was chased by Hemi Taylor.

Against that, Davies's inaccurate boot left 13 points on the table. "I practised this morning and kicked them all, this afternoon I missed them all," he said. "We had here two well-matched sides and we knew going into the game we could score tries from anywhere. If we defend and keep



Sheasy, the Wasps flanker, is hauled back as he tries to breach the Cardiff defence at Loftus Road yesterday. Photograph: Des Jenson

our discipline, we will be difficult to beat.

"Welsh clubs haven't got the strength in depth of some English sides, nor the financial strength, but when we put our best XV on the field, we are very competitive."

That needs no reiteration. Wasps could not compete with the powerful Cardiff lineout and, worse, they contrived a gift for Cardiff by allowing Emrys Lewis to plunge on an uncontested ball at the back of an early lineout, ride a tackle from the line and register the ball to score the first try.

Yet, with Gareth Rees as efficient in his place-kicking as

Davies was not. Wasps could not be written off. Nine times he aimed for the posts and eight times he succeeded as Cardiff offended again and again at ruck and maul, continuously offside in the judgment of Brian Stirling and compounding their errors by making observations to the referee.

This allowed Rees to nibble back the ten-point lead that Cardiff established within seven minutes. Wasps shifted the emphasis from back row to midfield, switching Greenstock and Vaughan Tuigamala from inside to outside centre, and the New Zealander

rewarded them richly. However, at the interval, Tuigamala received attention to a shoulder injury and was then virtually anonymous, which suggests that he should have been replaced.

At that stage, Wasps led 15-13 and must have felt that they could impose themselves, but Cardiff lack nothing in experience and they had Robert Howley playing his most impressive game of the season at scrum half. His first try was sheer delight. Lewis breaking blind from a scrum and Howley revelling in the space as he used Simon Hill as a foil.

That try levelled matters at 18-18, and his second was a complete contrast. He earned the position with a scintillating break from deep in his own half, his forwards runned forward from the lineout and, finally, Howley lunged for the line and took the scoring chance that Wasps so patiently had not.

This is little short of international level and our lads have to realize that, when you get opportunities, you have to take them." Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said this of the shade of the head.

Rees's seventh penalty goal

reduced the lead to two points and, with only a minute left,

his eighth gave Wasps a lead that they scarcely deserved.

Yet, straight from the kick-off, Cardiff responded. Their forwards, outstanding as a unit, won back the ball and Davies lit for the posts.

SCORERS: Wasps: Penalties: Rees (8). Cardiff: Tries: Howley (2); Lewis (Conversion). Drop goals: Davies (Dropped goal). Davies (2).

WASPS: N Walker, P Sampson, N Greenstock, V Tuigamala, L Scrase, R Rees, A Gomersall, D Evans, P Williams, W Green, M White, D Cronin, M Greenwood, L Delago, C Sheasy, M Fraser (Temporary replacement for Utton (22-30min); J Williams, temporary replacement for White (31-40)).

CARDIFF: J Thomas, S Hill, M Hall, G Jones, N Walker, J Davies, R Howley, L Mustoe, J Humphreys, D Young, H Taylor, J Williams, D Evans, R Rees, D Lewis, R Ringar (replaced by M Bennett (53)). Reference: B Stirling (Ireland).

Interpretation of law threatens to disrupt order

Llanelli 34
Leinster 17

By GERALD DAVIES

GARETH JENKINS, the Llanelli coach, is a forthright man. He does not mince his words. After this Heineken Cup match on Saturday, he was very critical of the Scottish referee. Well, perhaps not Mr Bacigalupo, but rather the instructions that referees have been given in Scotland about the law governing what is allowed to happen after a tackle is made.

The law states that the next man to play the ball after a tackle must be on his feet. This is not quite how they see it in Scotland, apparently: they would appear to be out of tune. In Scotland, it seems that, after the tackle, the next player can also go to the ground. This was the way that it was put to Jenkins before the match on Saturday, but it is not the way it is played in Wales ... or in Ireland. The Scottish interpretation is contrary to the law.

Thus, on Saturday, the Welsh and Irish clubs had grown accustomed to one interpretation of the law while the referee interpreted things differently — or had been advised so to do.

The plot will thicken on Wednesday when Llanelli travel to Hawick to play the Scottish Borders. Each will have a different view of the law. The match will be controlled by an Englishman, which might present an intriguing spectacle. Someone, clearly, is going to be out of step.

Over the weekend, it was this particular area that provided, in Jenkins's words, "the slow-ball game". There were moments when the action moved swiftly, but, by and large, the teams tended to cancel each other out around the fringes.

"If the forwards are allowed to pile up on each other," Jenkins said, "then you are

unlikely to get the fast ball you need to continue to attack. In addition, the threequarters are given time to organise their defence."

There was a good deal of this on Saturday. Wyatt proved to be the most effective player in this area for Llanelli while Bacigalupo effectively for Leinster, particularly in the first half, which turned out to be their most productive period. They scored all their points then.

Llanelli will be thankful that, at last, they have a dominant figure — Franco Botica — at stand-off half. They have been looking for one for two years. Botica scored 19 points for his club and, when their four international players return, his presence could well turn Llanelli into a more distinctive force than they have hitherto.

Although Botica kicked three penalty goals and converted McBryde's try, Leinster led at half-time after tries by Gavin, McKenna and O'Mahony and a conversion by Governey.

The Leinster pack held the edge in the first half, but they hardly made an impression afterwards. They were pinned back in their own part of the field, which eventually allowed Moon and Boobyer the opportunities to score tries. Botica, with a success rate of seven out of nine attempts, converted one of these and kicked two more penalty goals.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: McBryde, Moon, Boobyer; Conversions: Botica (2); Penalty goals: Botica (5); Leinster: Tries: Gavin, McKenna, O'Mahony; Conversion: Governey.

LLANELLI: G Evans, A Richards, M White, N Boobyer, D Evans, F Botica, R Moon, R Jones, R McBryde, J Walker, J Jones, P Cooper, J Fox, H Jenkins, D Myall, Gareth Jenkins (replaced by P Morris (71min)).

LEINSTER: P McEvilly (Old Belvedere), P Gavin (Old Belvedere), R McIlroy (St Mary's), K O'Farrell, K O'Farrell, R Governey (Lansdowne), A Rolland (Blackpool College), H Hurley (Moseley), M McDermott (Moseley), D McIlroy (Moseley), P Rooney (Lansdowne), N Francis (Old Belvedere), M O'Kelly (London Irish), P McIlroy (Old Wesley), V Costello (London Irish) (71min); temporary replacement for McIlroy (8-15); Reference: J Bacigalupo (Scotland).

Pienaar's omission comes under fire

By DAVID HANDS

THE omission of Francois Pienaar from the South Africa squad to tour Argentina, France and Wales during the next eight weeks has caused a public outcry at home, never mind abroad, where he has established a powerful reputation. Criticism has been heaped on Andre Markgraaff, the coach who rejected the charismatic Pienaar, and the manner in which the announcement was made on television on Saturday.

Pienaar, 39, was invited to captain his country in his first

international, three years ago, and the climax to his career came when he led South Africa to victory in the 1995 World Cup. Although he missed the series against New Zealand after suffering a neck injury on August 10, the coincidence being that Markgraaff is president of the Griqualand West union.

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Pienaar's image may have been tarnished last summer

not secure a regular place in the Free State's senior side. Indeed, Oosthuizen is one of eight Griquas to be named either in the tour squad or for the Junior Springboks squad that will visit Europe, the coincidence being that Markgraaff is president of the Griqualand West union.

"I'm terribly disappointed," he said. "It's a pity I'm out, but it's what I do with my life from here on that will make me a better person."

SOUTH AFRICA SQUAD: Badenhorst, A. Botha, P. Bothwell, J. Smal, J. Oliver, B. Pauw, P. Henricks, A. Shryman, J. Muller, C. Scholtz, H. Le Roux, D. van Schalkwyk, P. Wessels, H. Hondebrink, J. van der Westhuizen, J. Pauw, J. Viljoen, F. Fourie, G. Fourie, J. van der Linde, O. du Randt, M. Hutter, D. Theysen, J. Dalton, H. Tromp, C. Rossouw, M. Andrews, J. Stodden, H. Wiese, N. Otoh, F. Van Heerden, R. Kruger, W. Pretorius, Oosthuizen, A. Venter, G. Techmer, S. Bekker.

by revelations that he had acted as an agent for the stillborn World Rugby Championship organisation, but he remained in place until his injury year.

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Richmond hit right scoring notes

Richmond 54
London Scottish 13

By ALISON KERVIN

RICHMOND and London Scottish share the same ground, the same training pitches and the same facilities — but not the same financial resources, and very different tastes in music.

In the event it was those two factors that contributed most to the afternoon on Saturday as Richmond outclassed London Scottish in lacklustre, error-strewn Courage Club Cheshire second division performance of which neither side will be particularly proud.

The four defiant Scottish pipers who were drowned out by brash, intrusive music after every Richmond score, seemed strangely symbolic of the match itself — you could sometimes hear the strain of bagpipes beneath the loud music, but not for long. Richmond beat London

Scottish because they were more competent, more experienced, faster and fitter. But it was miles off the standard of first division rugby to which both sides aspire. Richmond lack cohesion and, more worrying, was the form of Ben Clarke. After the endless debates about whether he could keep his international form while playing regularly in the second division, he was particularly disappointing on Saturday, making no real impact.

It was Richmond's rugby league imports that shone most brightly. Allan Bateman in the centre was the star of the show. He looked extremely talented, and in a more cohesive team, his talent could be unlocked and used to more dramatic effect. Fallon is also an outstanding player, although his unforced error denied Richmond a try-cum-scoring opportunity in the second half.

Craig Quinnell looked impressive as the Wales selector, Terry Cobner and Geoff Evans, watched. Also in the

5,000-strong crowd was Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach. He would have found little on show to prompt him to scribble in his little black book. Dave Millard was the mainstay of the Scottish effort, while Steele, Scottish's creative stand-off half, was off-form and unable to offer space, time and direction to his centres.

Richmond went into an early lead with a converted try by Bateman in the first

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Bateman (2), Fallon (2), S. Gunnell, Moran, Davies; Conversions: Mason (5); Penalty goals: Mason (3); London Scottish: Tries: Millard (2), Steele (2); Conversions: Steele; Penalty goals: Steele (2).

RICHMOND: S. Mason, J. Fallon, A. Bateman, S. Gunnell, M. Hurton, A. Davies, A. Moore, D. McFarland, B. Moore, D. Crompton, S. Clarke, C. Gunnell, P. West, A. Vardon, S. Gunnell (replaced by J. Jones (76min)).

LONDON SCOTTISH: N. Robinson, T. Watson, E. Rayner, A. Farley, A. Turner, J. Steele, D. Millard, J. Baird, J. McLelland, P. Bell, S. Clarke, S. Gunnell, A. Moore, S. Holmes, C. Tubbuck, J. Hanmer; temporary replacement for Robinson (39-41min); Reference: J. Wales (Somerset).

SWIMMING

Masters competitors holding back the years

By JOHN GOODBODY

ONE of the most commendable ideas in British sport celebrated its Silver Jubilee in London on Saturday, when the Otter Swimming Club staged its 25th annual Masters gala.

Men and women, aged from 25 to over 80, took part in an activity that has excited not only British but international swimming. At the World Masters championship in Sheffield last June more than 4,000 swimmers entered the event. Several of them were former Olympic medal-winners but others were just club members, keen to stem the advancing years through competitive racing.

It was an American professor of psychiatry, Ranson J Arthur, a member of Otter, who began the move in the 1960s to encourage competitive swimming for veterans. The United States ran their first national championships in 1970 and Otter ran a pilot scheme in Britain two years later. This led to the Amateur Swimming Association introducing its own championships in 1982, and then European and finally world championships followed.

"It is also an activity in which you can exercise to the maximum while causing the least possible strain to yourself. Swimming is non-weight bearing so there is no jarring on the joints and the slight resistance from the water strengthens all the limbs."

Saturday was John Harrison, aged 82, from Godalming, who first took part in the Otter event in 1973. It was the first competitive event of his life, although he had taught swimming, sub aqua and lifesaving. He is the British record holder for the 100 metres freestyle in his 80-84 years age-group with 1min 55sec.

"You can push yourself in swimming, even at my age it's the greatest muscle modulator there is," he said. "I hope I will be swimming competitively until I die."

He trains three times a week and entered four events on Saturday, winning them all. Roger Sharpley, the president of Otter, said: "Masters tournaments have given older swimmers purpose they have goals to aim at, rather than just doing lengths of the pool. It is swimming's answer to the London Marathon."

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NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Dynamo on glory trail as Hare heads home

Shepshed Dynamo 1
Knypersley Victoria 0

By WALTER GAMMIE

KNYPERSLEY Victoria earned themselves a special place in the affections of Shepshed Dynamo when they gave them the perfect send-off to life in the Midland Interlink Express Alliance at the Dovecote last May, obligingly losing 3-1 as Shepshed celebrated the presentation of the championship shield and then, allegedly, drank the bar dry.

They did relations no harm at all when they returned to the now-Dr Martens League club and left the home side bubbling with anticipation at the FA Cup fourth-round draw today after a 1-0 victory. The vision of a place in the first round meant, however, that the match on Saturday was no festival. It was played with fierce intensity. Shepshed's anxiety about coping without Dave King, who has scored 16 goals this season but was missing with a twisted knee, was eased by a headed goal by Hare from O'Kane's cross in the thirteenth minute.

Their worries might have been banished altogether if

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KNYPERSLEY VICTORIA (4-4-2): R. Power, S. Sted

Andrew Longmore savours the singular atmosphere of the Velka Pardubicka

Thrill of the chase demands healthy appetite for danger

What seemed like a good idea in mid-summer must have looked less of a brainwave as the moment of truth approached and the cramped little changing room quietened. Dunwoody, Williamson, Whelan. The names written in blue ink in address labels stuck to the wall above their pegs looked distressingly inadequate given that the first two represented the cream of Irish jockeys and the third, Ken Whelan, is one of the best amateurs in a country where riding is as natural as walking.

For the first time in a weekend laced with it, the cric had dried up. Each one contemplated the task ahead, trying to rationalise their small part in the Velka Pardubicka, a race which has received description for more than a century. Outside, the atmosphere was part race meeting, part street market. Trinkets, teddy bears, Dick Francis in Czech (£2 a copy), lawn mowers, cigars and perfume, a meeting point for the old communism and the new commercialism. "Just like Camel," for the horsebox driver, said. Except for the crowd of 25,000 and the corrugated huts which served as the state-run betting offices.

More than once over the weekend, Richard Dunwoody must have wondered what he was doing here, riding a moderate chaser beneath the chimneys of a chemical works in a town a hundred miles to the

east of Prague. But the warmth of his reception beat another humdrum day at Bangor. Dunwoody has been big in the Czech Republic since the 1986 Grand National which was shown on national television because a Czech horse was taking part. Dunwoody won the race on West Tip and was a prize capture this year for the organisers of the Pardubicka, who are trying to lift the profile of the race in Europe. He and Its A Snip, winner last year, were given the biggest ovation during the pre-race parade and if there was any animosity in the weighing room over the arrival of well-paid professionals when the locals' own fees, £6 a ride, would not cover a day's petrol money, it was well hidden.

Unfortunately for the former champion, this time Its A Snip could not quite bridge the gap between fourth place in a £1,500 chase at Newton Abbot, his last effort, and the £24,000 first prize here, finishing third behind the Czech horse Cipisek and Williamson's mount, Irish Stamp.

He hit the front at the 16th and looked so full of running Charlie Mann, his trainer, leaps into the middle of a ploughed field to cheer him on, but his stamina ran out at the end of the 4½ miles.

The Pardubicka has become

personal for Mann ever since he

became hooked on the race six

years ago. At the time he was

recovering from a fall which had broken his neck. The authorities in Britain would not give him back his licence, so he decided to win the most dangerous race in the world, and has the keys to the town of Pardubicka, one of the spoils of victory, back home in his office to prove it. But he did not want to push his luck aboard Its A Snip again this year and summoned professional help, not least because prize-money totalled £60,000 and the organisers were willing to foot the bill for Dunwoody's services.

The race dates back to 1874, a challenge for many years, the preserve of adventurers only. Chris Collins, the English amateur jockey, won it in 1973. Tales of his derring-do grew with every telling. Underneath a shady copse, the story was told, lie two headstones to commemorate five jockeys killed in the race. The headstones are there, but they remember speedway riders not jockeys. But the race has claimed at least one life in its 122-year history and tested the nerves of many more.

The 106th running must have been even Dunwoody's voracious appetite for danger. The Grand National will never be the same. Though many of the fences have been eased to soothe the growing Animal Rights lobby, the course is an intoxicating mixture of Aintree and Badminton, with a little bit of Hickstead and several ploughed fields thrown in. It has its

own Becher's Brook, a giant ditch called the Taxis, which yesterday claimed four of the 11 fallers, and the water jump charmingly nicknamed the "Snake Pit". Luckily, the pace is considerably slower than at Aintree. The winner took nine minutes and 35 seconds to complete the 31 fences, and broke the course record by ten seconds.

Williamson thought it the hardest nine minutes of his racing life. "Just getting round was a bonus," he said. "But the biggest dring for me has been the welcome. I wasn't treated like this for winning the Gold Cup." Dunwoody could not get off the course for autograph hunters.

Ten of the field of 21 survived.

Only Whelan and Velella II of the British and Irish raiders failed to complete the course. The pair were going well until a difference of opinion at the 24th. "He was scared for the first few fences, I was scared for the last few and in the middle somewhere we had a great time," he said. Williamson's only doubt came at the sixth. "He went left and I went right, but, I tell you what, I'd love to come back here — though I'd hate to be riding a bad horse."

Typically, Dunwoody wants to come back to win it. Today, he returns to normality at Roscommon; tomorrow Williamson is due at Sedgefield. "Down to earth with a bump," he said. "Better there than in the Pardubicka."



The field for the Velka Pardubicka streams over the searching Taxis fence in Pardubice yesterday

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2.00 Cots Bottom 4.00 TRICK (nap)
2.30 Waff 4.30 Mister Pink
3.03 Alpine Hidesaway 5.00 Apache Star

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 Robomaset, 2.00 Onefortheheadchit, 4.00 TRICK (nap).

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12. (21) 0-8000 NEW PERPETUAL HOPE 17 (Redmond) P Mitchell 8-7 R French 8-12
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14. (23) 0-8000 NEWTON CHASE 24 (Shaun Racing) P Mitchell 8-7 R French 8-12
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Recent numbers: Date in brackets. Six-square form (F = fall, P = pulled up, L = unseated rider, B = brought down, S = stopped up, R = round, D = dropped, H = hard, S = soft, E = easy, G = good, S = soft, good, S = good, S = soft, good, S = hard, E = easy). D = distance winner, CO = course winner, D = distance winner, CO = course winner. D = distance winner, CO = course winner. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

3.00 DORMOUSE APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES

(Div II: 3-Y: 0; E2 224; 71 9yd) (12 runners)
1. (1) 303556 ALPINE HIDEAWAY 7 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-12 G Fawcett
2. (2) 465603 ANGUS MCCATTUP 12 (BF) (Alden) B McCallum 8-12 J Edmunds 9-12
3. (3) 6-2 GAY BREEZE 26 (Mars) P McNamee 8-12 J Edmunds 9-12
4. (4) 504-522 NORTHERN CLAN 55 (9) (10) (10) A Chamberlain 8-12 J Edmunds 9-12
5. (5) 020204 REGAL SPLENDOUR 20 (F) Salter 8-12 David O'Neill 8-12
6. (6) 030 BALINSKY 49 (Mars) J Barry 8-7 C Lafferty 8-12
7. (7) 040 FAIR LADY (C Puszczyk) J Plessach 8-7 J Dennis 8-12
8. (8) 340200 MACS CLAN 6 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-12 S Craven 8-12
9. (9) 0-0 MACS CLAN 6 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-12 R Mullens 8-12
10. (10) 0-0 THE FUMBLE 34 (Lester) P Mitchell 8-7 R Mullens 8-12
11. (11) 0-0 VERNIE STAR 21 (Super Trainer Pansy) R Williams 8-7 Aineen Cox 8-12
12. (12) 460085 BETTING 21 (Smart) P Williams 8-7 Aineen Cox 8-12
BETTING: 2-1 Alpine Hider, 3-1 Regal Splendor, 5-2 Rash Gift, 7-1 The Fogster, 7-1 Lachesis, 10-1 Gemini, 12-1 others

FORM FOCUS

ALPINE HIDEAWAY best effort 16 1/2 2nd of 10 to Robicas (16 1/2, good). Robicas is maiden at Robicas (16 1/2, good). LUCKY ARCHER best effort 12 1/2 (9) (7) good. ROBOMASSET 11 2nd of 16 to Hanover in maiden at Robicas (11, very good). WILL DO 2nd of 12 to Robicas (11, very good).

REGAL SPLENDOUR 2nd of 15 to Jarram's Clun in maiden at Lingfield (7, good to firm). **REGAL SPLENDOUR** 9-11 7th to Threethread in maiden at Newbury (7, good to firm). Selection: REGAL SPLENDOUR

3.30 STOAT SELLING STAKES

(2-Y: 0; E2,553; 1m 21 18yd) (16 runners)
1. (1) 0260 BULL PET 20 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 R Perkins
2. (2) 004500 BALLYBONERS 22 (Mars) F Ward 8-11 C Mollison
3. (3) 005 CAPTAIN FLINT 6 (Mars) A Stiles 8-11 G Barnes
4. (4) 302024 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 M Tolson
5. (5) 590204 GROVEHAD 44 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
6. (6) 420000 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
7. (7) 022356 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
8. (8) 022356 BLUSH (Sobeth) Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
9. (9) 022356 BULL PET 20 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 R Perkins
10. (10) 022356 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 M Tolson
11. (11) 022356 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
12. (12) 022356 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
13. (13) 222526 PARAS 12 (C) (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
14. (14) 021201 BULL PET 20 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 R Perkins
15. (15) 021201 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 M Tolson
16. (16) 021201 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
17. (17) 021201 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
18. (18) 021201 PARAS 12 (C) (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
19. (19) 1995 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
20. (20) 021201 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
21. (21) 021201 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
22. (22) 021201 PARAS 12 (C) (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
23. (23) 021201 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 M Tolson
24. (24) 021201 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
25. (25) 021201 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 G Barnes
BETTING: 3-1 Fairy A Fortune, 9-2 Unruly, 12-1 others

FORM FOCUS

BULL PET about 9 1/2 2nd of 10 to Northern Sun in maiden at Lingfield (7, good to firm). **FAIRY A FORTUNE** 16 1/2 2nd of 10 to Robicas (7, good to firm). **MILLAH** 16 1/2 2nd of 10 to Northern Sun in maiden at Lingfield (7, good to firm). **LUNNING TERRITORY** 21 2nd of 12 to Newbury in maiden at Lingfield (7, good to firm). Selection: LUNNING TERRITORY

4.00 RABBIT HANDICAP (3-Y: 0; E4,325; 1m 31 183yd) (7 runners)

1. (1) 32-09 PRESTIGE 44 (F) (L) Curnell 8-7 R Perkins
2. (2) 3100 BALDO 37 (Mars) F Ward 8-11 C Mollison
3. (3) 003 MANAGED 148 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 R Perkins
4. (4) 061003 TRICK 13 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 J Dennis
5. (5) 350300 MILLAH 20 (Mars) C Mollison 8-11 R Perkins
6. (6) 101233 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
7. (7) 112133 BETTING 17 (Smart) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
8. (8) 501201 SLAPY DAM 7-2 (Smart) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
9. (9) 021201 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
10. (10) 021201 MILLAH 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
11. (11) 021201 LUNNING TERRITORY 20 (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
12. (12) 021201 PARAS 12 (C) (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
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20. (20) 021201 PARAS 12 (C) (Mars) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
BETTING: 2-1 Prestige, 3-1 Fairly A Fortune, 4-1 Lunny, 5-1 Lunny, 6-1 Unruly, 7-1 Lunny, 8-1 others

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4.30 HEDGEHOG CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y: 0; E4,789; 1m 21 183yd) (5 runners)
1. (1) 1 WINDSOR CASTLE 16 (F) (P) Salter 9-1 T Quinn
2. (2) 231204 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (F) (L) Curnell 8-11 R Perkins
3. (3) 005281 NICOLA'S PRINCESS 18 (D) (L) Curnell 8-11 J Dennis
4. (4) 44004 FAIRY A FORTUNE 21 (Smart) B Hanbury 8-11 R Perkins
5. (5) 4 WICK ROMARA 7 (Barley) Home Field 8-11 J Dennis
6. (6) 0052

Fierce independence of Colston's earns continuing success

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

COLSTON'S Collegiate School nestles unimposingly in 30 acres of grounds close to the M32 in Stapleton, on the northern outskirts of Bristol. Predominant in its prospectus are the school's aim to develop pupils' ability whatever the field and the fact that Chris Broad, the England opening batsman, numbers among its old boys. The school is independent and proud of it; it is quite good at rugby, too.

That, of course, is an understatement and pays scant regard to the commitment of numerous schools nationwide that annually contest the Daily Mail Cup at under-18 level, as, for the past two seasons, Colston's have ended their winter in triumph at Twickenham. On each occasion, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, were on the receiving end and neither time did they even get as far as the scoreboard as Colston's hugely competent back division – last season boasting both the England 18 Group centres, a wing and the scrum half – secured victories.

It would be easy to tag Colston's success to Andy Robinson, the Bath and former England flanker, then the director of sport at the school, or to the sound reasoning that, sooner or later, a school will produce a XV that gels perfectly; but that fact has to be realised immediately, exploited and nur-



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turned in double-quick time – schooldays do not last long. It is not so easy to see where the continued success comes from when you consider that, cup runs apart, 15-man rugby is played at Colston's only in the autumn term.

Alan Martinovic – of Bosnian-Irish parentage – is the deputy head and coach of the first XV and has no doubts about the reason for pre-eminence of Colston's in English schools rugby.

"Yes, we have been fortunate in having a group of boys who came up through the school together and it included some exceptionally talented players," he said, "but they do work extremely hard. They all spend two afternoons and one evening each week doing 'proper training', but, on the other days, they do circuits or weight work so the rugby team is very much run on a club basis."



Williams, the captain, claims Colston's first try against Cowbridge

As with all good clubs, the end of a winning sequence – which occurred away to Llandover College, deep in red kite country, seven days before – produced a backlash that Cowbridge Comprehensive's streetwise XV, accepted to be the best in Wales and including a bevy of 16 Group internationals, felt to full effect on Saturday.

Before Llandover, the last team to beat Colston's was Royal Grammar School, Guildford, in a Daily Mail Cup quarter-final in February 1994. It was a good record, "but the boys are 'up' for this one", Martinovic said, although we know that Cowbridge will not be taking prisoners.

True to that suggestion, Cowbridge tackled everything and were prepared to run the ball whenever they got it, but ultimately they had far too little possession for comfort, and, after what the spectators, to person, described as the best schools rugby match they had seen, conceded best 29-17.

Playing without six of the first-choice team, Colston's opened the scoring after four minutes when Williams, their captain and open-side flanker, peeled off a drive from a lineout beautifully won by Brown ten metres out. From an identical position, on the half-hour, Donnell, a prop, emerged with a smile that spoke a million words to make the score 10-3 and they had to thank another forward, Whitmore, for putting Barrow over wide on the left just before the break to regain the advantage after Cowbridge had tied things up at 10-10, very much against the run of play.

Within minutes of the resumption, a crunching tackle by Bainbridge created the situation from which Morgan scored a try to put Colston's on the rack for the second week running, but that defeat at Llandover proved its worth, for they came storming back, pinned Cowbridge on or around their 22 and were rewarded with tries by Mears and Perry in the final ten minutes, both of which were converted sweetly by Barrow.

They begin their defence of the Daily Mail Cup against St Peter's High School, Gloucester, on Wednesday. With this determination, Twickenham surely looms again. The International is in its 44th



As well as practising their dance routines, Hawkins and Newberry regularly use the gym to prepare for top competitions

British couple wary of Italian threat

Ruth Gledhill previews the challenge to Britain's ballroom dancers at the Elsa Wells International

One of the most closely-fought ballroom dancing contests for years is expected this week as hundreds of competitors from around the world take on Britain's top couples in the three-day Elsa Wells International championships, which climax on Thursday at the Albert Hall in London.

Tickets are at stake in the professional, junior, juvenile and over-35 senior rankings, but one of the most keenly-watched battles will be between Christopher Hawkins and Hazel Newberry, the reigning British modern champions from England, and Massimo Georgiani and Alessia Manfredini, of Italy, the amateur world champions.

The two couples, each with different but distinctive styles, are joint favourites to win the championship and will face each other tomorrow at the Brentwood Leisure Centre, Essex.

Hawkins and Newberry are among those who work out in a gym daily to build up the stamina they need for numerous rounds of waltz, foxtrot, tango, quickstep and Viennese waltz. With them is the knowledge that they beat the Italians in waltz, foxtrot and quickstep at the British Open in June, but lost to them in tango, and that Georgiani is determined to regain

year and is being presented by the founder, Elsa Wells, a former dance champion now in her eighties, and the promoter, Bobby Short. This year, it has attracted a record entry of more than 850 couples, with just 150 from Britain.

The championships come only months before ballroom dancing hopes to gain full recognition as an Olympic sport and this is sparking an upsurge of interest worldwide.

Couples from as far afield as Australia, Finland, Lithuania, Slovenia, Taiwan and Israel have flown to London during the past two weeks and are practising hard for the championships, which start tomorrow at the Brentwood Leisure Centre, Essex.

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his lead after that defeat.

Newberry said: "Dancing in major competition requires an awful lot of stamina. We have to train as much as athletes in any other sport."

Hawkins added: "Before a major event, we establish a period in which we work to get our performance up to a certain level. We concentrate on our own performance, rather than the people we will be competing against. It is important to keep a clear mind, to study goals and objectives for the future. It is too easy to stay still or go downhill."

Newberry and Hawkins, both 22, along with the former amateur champions Timothy Howson and Joanne Bolton, are Britain's strongest hopes for professional championships of the future.

Howson has already turned professional and is rising rapidly up the ranks. The performance of Hawkins and Newberry is all the

more remarkable considering they have only been dancing competitively since their teens, a comparatively late start by the standards of today, when many begin competing at five or six.

Westminster-educated Hawkins, the son of a leading statistician and lecturer in law, chose a career in ballroom dancing instead of a promising academic future as a mathematician. Newberry, headed for computer science, took an equal risk.

They are now putting their mathematical abilities into the science of dance. John Leach, a judge and associate editor of *Dance News*, said: "There will on Thursday be a surge of patriotic spirit behind someone who has the potential to win it. They are very charismatic dancers and they get the crowd behind them wherever they go in the world. Some couples have it and others don't."

The complex "skating system" used for dance competitions means a majority of firsts will win a dance section, but if there is no clear majority for any one couple, it is possible to gain more firsts than any other and still lose. A fifth or a sixth from one judge in a final can cost the championship, which leaves no room for even the most minor foot fault.

FOOTBALL

Age of no concern to Croydon

By SARAH FORDE

GLENN HODDLE may be reassessing his comment about Paul Gascoigne's capacity to continue playing international football when he is 35 after the England midfield player's performance against Poland at Wembley but, in the women's game, the old guard at Croydon continue to call the

line. A 5-2 victory against Doncaster Belles yesterday put the London team back where they finished last season, on top of the women's premier national league, albeit on goal difference from Wembley and Millwall Lionesses, who both won 3-0 against Southampton Saints and Everton respectively.

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Yours faithfully, W. R. SILVEIRA.

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Sally Jones and family try a sport which can be 'like doing *The Times* crossword while running for a train'

'Cunning running' proves to be a thrilling day out

I had always tended, unfairly maybe, to imagine the typical orienteer as a bearded, Volvo-driving doctor, sprinting through gorse bushes, goggling at his map and compass through pebbled glasses. The sport is certainly saddled with a faintly nerdy image; the result of its devotees' habit of plastering the back windows of their cars with slogans like: "Orienteering: 'Cunning Running'" and of encasing their bony frames in gaudy, skin-tight lycra ensembles that would make even Linford Christie blush.

It came as quite a surprise, therefore, to find that orienteering is a fast-growing sport for all ages and attracts children from four upwards, while some teenagers have already acquired the sophisticated map-reading skills and sheer stamina necessary to compete on equal terms with top adult competitors.

I agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to take the family (four-year-old Madeline, Roly, five, and a distinctly sceptical husband, John) for their first taste of the sport at a novice event in the grounds of Coombe Abbey, an historic house at Brinklow, near Coventry.

First impressions, though, were favourable at the registration point in the car park (hardly a Volvo in sight); we were welcomed by two jolly, down-to-earth organisers, Miranda Aston, resplendent in studded shoes and, top-to-toe lycra and Peter Guillaume, a policeman who helps to run the local club, picturesquely known as the Octavian Drobbers.

"At the elite level it's a bit like doing *The Times* crossword while you run for a train," Aston explained. "But the children start off doing a non-competitive string course to get the idea of finding a series of control points and gradually work up through a whole range of different level courses to proper map reading and full-scale competitive events — highly competitive in some cases!"

Guillaume meanwhile explained to Roly and Madeline how the string course worked. After giving their names at the start to a capable-looking woman at a picnic table laden with boxes of sweets, each received a control card bearing a series of pictures: a bunch of balloons, a whale, a yacht, etc. These, they learned, corresponded to the pictures on the control points dotted along a half-kilometre course through woodland, scrub and undergrowth, which was marked by a continuous string at each control point, they were to clip the

matching picture on their control card with the clip punch fastened there. As with full-scale orienteering, each punch produced a different configuration of dots, to prevent any cheating by those tempted to take a crafty shortcut.

After a couple of near-misses, they succeeded in punching the first symbol on their cards, the balloons, and then darted off along the string, in search of the next control point, marked with a whale. By the time they had negotiated half-a-dozen of the ten stages, they were full of confidence: Madeline religiously following the twisting string, Roly taking shortcuts.

SPORT FOR ALL

between controls to get there first. We kept them in sight at a distance and listened to their delighted squeals as they punched the final symbol, had their cards checked and received a large, chewy sweet as a reward for a "full house".

We then signed on as a family for the next stage, the 1.5-kilometre white course. This is the most elementary level of the various courses devised by the British Orienteering Federation and does not require a compass, but we were advised to bring a whistle in case we got lost and a red biro to mark our particular course and the exact location of the control points on the map we had been given at registration.

This large-scale (1:7500) map showed Coombe Park in detail, marking even the smallest natural features in different colours. For example, rough open land is yellow; seasonal marsh is blue dashes; forest is different shades of green depending on whether you could run through it slowly (pale green) or would have to fight your way through (dark green).

Equally vital were the control card, with its 12 numbered boxes to be clipped, and the set of control descriptions: e.g. Control Point 1, numbered 130, bend in the path; Control Point 2, numbered 134, causeway over stream.



Magnetic Roly, five, gets to grips with the compass on the youth orienteering course at Coombe Park, Coventry

We were given a start time and carefully copied the white course from the master plan onto our own maps, explaining the general principle of the exercise to the children, who waited for the countdown then set off down the leafy track and discovered the first control point, a white post marked with a pink and white square bearing the correct number, 130. Radiating superiority, Madeline deftly clipped the box on the control card numbered 1 and trotted off to the next control, a bridge over a narrow stream. Here, two controls a few yards apart caused initial confusion until we matched the number on our control description (134) with the correct point and duly clipped box number 2 on the control card.

All went well for the first kilometre until, in a grassy glade surrounded by dense woodland, we began hunting for the seventh control point and I discovered I had dropped the sheet of control descriptions somewhere en route. Catastrophe! We had no way of telling which of the two nearby control points was the correct one for the white course.

Amid bitter recriminations from the children, Peter Guillaume suddenly appeared out of the undergrowth and broke off from his own course to put us right. We retraced our footsteps to find an earlier control point we'd missed, then finished at a canter, handing in our card well outside any time that might have put us among the prize-winners but thrilled to have completed our first orienteering event. As Roly remarked pointedly: "The man says there's one at Cannock Chase next week so I want to try that one — but this time I'm not doing it with Mummy."

Contract: Three Hearts by South. Lead: ten of clubs

West's double was negative, the standard method in duplicate nowadays. Here it showed sound responding values and exactly four spades. Holding an old-fashioned penalty double of One Heart, West passes expectantly; East will reopen, usually with a double, on any hand with heart shortage, even without extra strength. Three Clubs showed a value raise to Three Hearts.

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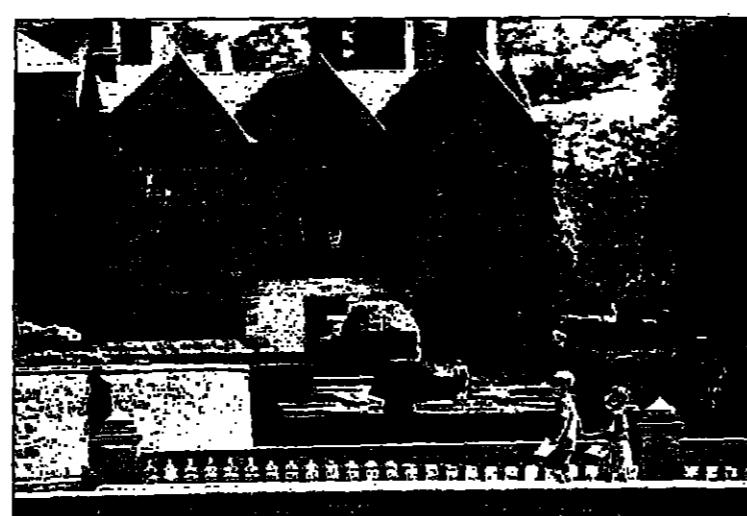
West was known to have two clubs and three hearts on the play so far, and four

clubs left in his hand.

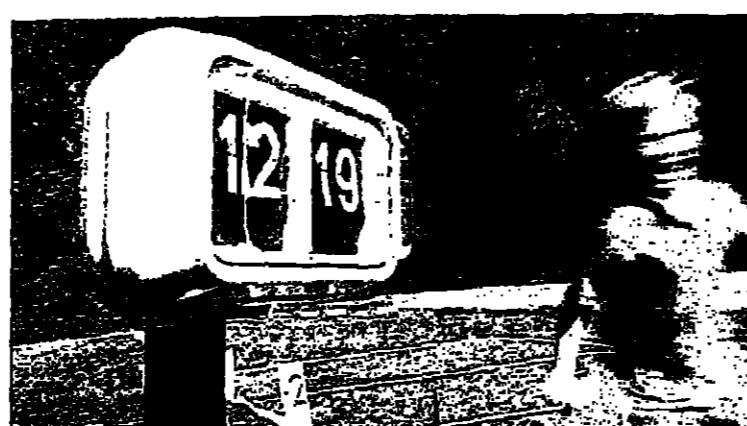
White: Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

TAKING IT UP

THERE is no need to join an orienteering club immediately, although most regular orienteers do. The majority of events take place at weekends and the British Orienteering Federation will give details of future competitions, most of which give first-timers a warm welcome. The average entry fee is around £1.50 for adults, 75p for children, and only appalling weather conditions should cause a postponement.



Stately: the course is set in the grounds of historic Coombe Abbey



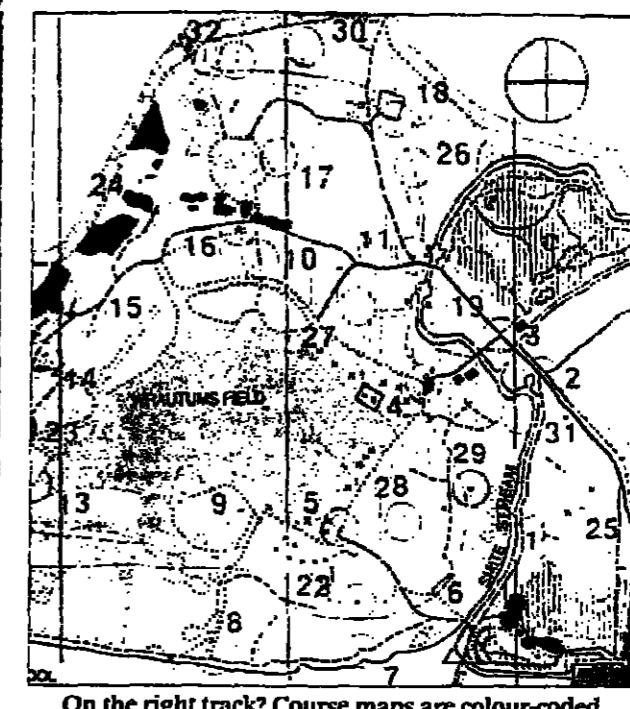
Time out: every minute counts in the race to get to the finish line first



Check: Roly and Madeline clip their cards

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CHARLIE BERRY



On the right track? Course maps are colour-coded

A course for all levels of ability

THE sport of orienteering developed in Sweden in the 1930s as an extension of military map-reading exercises. It slowly spread to Britain in the mid-Sixties but it was not until 1976 that it really took off here, after Britain hosted the world championships for the first time in Scotland.

Around 10,000 adults plus tens of thousands of schoolchildren now take part at a variety of levels, starting with simple string courses for children up to the age of seven. From there, youngsters graduate to colour-coded events, starting with white and yellow courses (suitable for novices, families and unaccompanied youngsters of eight upwards); through orange and light green (fairly difficult and around 3.5km); to blue and brown (hard and around 7km plus). The top competitors take part in national and international championships while age group events include categories for children from 8-80.

Whatever their levels, all orienteers negotiate unknown territory in search of a series of numbered control points marked on the map they carry. They must then clip the appropriate numbered box on their control card to prove that they have reached the correct controls in the right order.

In competitive events, the orienteer who completes the course in the fastest time is the winner and most senior internationals are also good cross-country runners. At club level, though, the majority of participants simply trot round the course, regarding the map-reading aspect of the sport as a problem-solving dimension which adds interest to a jog or brisk walk in spectacular countryside.

More and more schools are incorporating orienteering into the syllabus as part of the National Curriculum for PE, geography and maths, and there is a thriving network of children's competitions.

YOU WILL NEED

STOUT shoes, trainers or studded running shoes, tracksuit or sensible walking clothes, including leg cover (brambles are a regular hazard). Most events also advise you to take a red biro to mark your course on the map, a clear polythene bag as a map case, a protractor-type compass for more advanced events, and a whistle in case you get lost. For most events there is no need to enter in advance, so you can simply turn up on the day and start "cunning running".

For further details, contact the British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2HX. Tel: 01629 734042.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

A complete count on the hand enabled South to negotiate an impossible-looking diamond position on today's hand. It was played in the recent junior European Championship.

Dealer West

East-West vul IMPs

♦A K 52
VK 1032
♦J 62
♦9 4
+Q 10 9 8
VK 5
+A 9 5 3
+10 8
N
W E
♦J 7 6
V 8
+Q 10 8 7
♦AK Q 7 2
+4 3
VK 7 6 4
+K 4
+J 6 5 3

W N E S
Pass Pass 1 C Pass 1 H
Double Double 3 C Pass 3 H

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Further tribute

Today I continue my tribute to Julius Silverman, the former Labour MP, who died on September 21. Silverman was considered the strongest player in the House of Commons during the continuous period of 38 years in which he was a member.

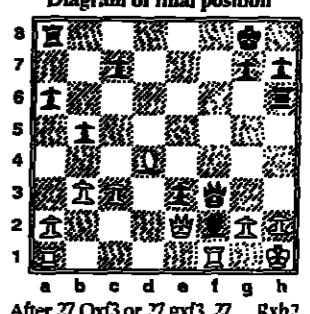
On September 17, four days before his death, he visited the Birmingham Chess Club and played three games, winning one and losing two, against a player graded 133 on the British Chess Federation scale. Silverman's best performance, though, was before the war, when he performed excellently, for example, in the Birmingham International competition of 1937. In the following game he totally overwhelms a noted author and player of master strength.

White: Eugene Znosko-Borovsky
Black: Julius Silverman
Birmingham 1937

Ruy Lopez

1 e4 e5
2 Nf3 Nc6
3 Bb5 a6
4 Ba4 Bb7
5 0-0 Bc5
6 Bb3 Nxe4
7 d4 d5
8 dxe5 Bb7
9 c3 0-0
10 Bc3 Nc5
11 Re1 Nc4
12 Bc2 Bc5
13 Bc1 Bg7
14 Rf1 Qe7
15 Nd4 Bxg2
16 Bxg2 Qd6
17 exd5 Nc6
18 b3 Ne5
19 Nxe5 Bxg2+
20 Kh1 Qxg2

Diagram of final position



After 27 Qx3 or 27 gx3, 27 ... Rxh2 is checkmate.

This game shows the degree of sophistication which Silverman reached in his knowledge of chess.

The opening variation followed established theory until move 4 and it was White's tenth move which deviated from accepted practice. White's premature development of his queen's bishop allowed Black to baulk this piece and gain an initiative which he prosecuted with vigour up to the checkmate.

Times book

The *Times* Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in *The Times*, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus postage and packing.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AUTOFRETTAGE
a. Dealing in damaged cars
b. Self stimulation
c. Jet aircraft fuel

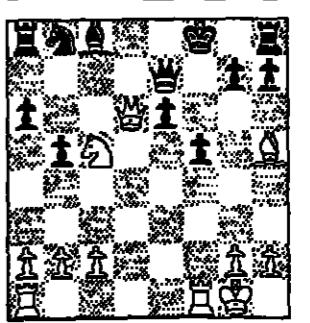
NEF
a. A nautical table ornament
b. Small lace handkerchief
c. A fault in real tennis

Answers on page 49

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Dubinetski-Danowski, Switzerland 1984. Black has only succeeded in developing his king and queen in this game so it is not surprising that White now has a quick win. What did he play?



Solution on page 49

Right of individual reparation for failure to implement directive

Dillenhofer and Others v Federal Republic of Germany

Joined Cases C-178 and 179/94 and C-188 to 190/94

Before G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, President, and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Molinero de Almeida, J. L. Murray, L. Sevón, C. N. Kakuris, P. J. G. Kapreyn, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, J. P. Pullicino, G. Hirsch, P. Jann and H. Ragneman

Advocate General G. Tesouro (Opinion November 28, 1995)

Judgment October 8

A failure by a member state timely to take necessary measures to achieve the result prescribed by a Community directive gave rise to a right to reparation on the part of individuals, if those individuals had identifiable rights under the directive and there was a direct link between the state's breach and injury suffered. No other conditions had to be satisfied.

Package travellers had, under a directive on package holidays and tours, identifiable rights of refund and, reparation in the event of an organiser's insolvency.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, on references under article 9 of the EC Treaty by the Landgericht (Regional Court), Bonn, for a preliminary ruling in five joined cases.

Article 9 of Council Directive 90/314/EEC of June 13, 1990 on package travel packages, holidays and package tours (OJ 1990 L158, p.99), required member states to bring into force the measures necessary to comply with the directive before December 31, 1992.

but a law implementing the directive in Germany only came into force in July 1994.

After the insolvency in 1993 of two package tour operators, the plaintiffs, purchasers of packages, either never left for their destination or had to return from their holiday location at their own expense.

The plaintiffs, having been unable to obtain compensation from other sources, brought actions for compensation against the German Federal Republic on the ground that, if article 7 of Directive 90/314 had been transcribed into German law within the prescribed period, they would have been protected against the operators' insolvency.

Article 7 provides: "A directive shall be binding as to the result to be achieved, upon each member state to which it is addressed, but shall leave to the national authorities the choice of form and methods."

In its judgment the Court of Justice held:

The first question to be answered concerned the conditions under which state guaranteed liability towards individuals where a directive had not been transposed within the prescribed period.

The crux of that question was whether such a failure was sufficient per se to afford individuals who had suffered injury a right to reparation, or whether other con-

ditions had also to be taken into account. More specifically, the national court raised the question of the importance to be attached to the German Government's contention that the period prescribed for the transposition of Directive 90/314 was inadequate.

It also asked, inter alia, whether state liability required a manifest and grave breach of Community obligations, whether the breach had to be established in infringement proceedings before the loss or damage occurred, and whether liability presupposed the existence of fault, of either commission or omission, in the adoption of legislative measures by the member state.

The German, Netherlands and United Kingdom Governments had submitted in particular that a state could incur liability for late transposition of a directive only if there had been a serious, that is, manifest and grave breach of Community law for which it could be held responsible.

The Court had held that the principle of state liability for loss and damage caused to individuals as a result of breaches of Community law for which the state could be held responsible was inherent in the system of the EC Treaty. Joined Cases C-6/90 and C-9/90 *Francovich v Italian Republic* (1995) ICR 722; [1995] ECR I-5327, paragraph 35; Joined Cases C-4/93 and C-4/93 *Brasserie du Pecher SA v Federal Republic of Germany* (The Times March 7, 1996; [1996] 2 WLR 506, paragraph 31); Case C-392/93 R v HM Treasury, *Ex parte British Telecommunications plc* (The Times April 15, 1996; [1996] QB 615,

paragraph 38) and Case C-5/94 R v MAFF, *Ex parte Hedley Lomas (Ireland) Ltd* (The Times June 6, 1996).

The Court had, further, held in those judgments that the conditions under which state liability gave rise to a right to reparation depended on the nature of the breach of Community law giving rise to the loss and damage.

In those judgments other than *Francovich*, the Court, having regard to the circumstances of the case, had held that individuals who had suffered damage had a right to reparation where three conditions were met:

(i) the rule of law infringed must have been intended to confer rights on individuals;

(ii) the breach must be sufficiently serious; and

(iii) there must be a direct causal link between the breach of the obligation resting on the state and the damage sustained by the injured parties.

Moreover, it was clear from *Francovich*, which, like the present cases, concerned non-transposition of a directive within the prescribed period, that the full effectiveness of the third paragraph of article 199 of the EC Treaty required that there should be a right to reparation where the result prescribed by the directive entailed the loss of a right of rights to individuals. The content of those rights was identifiable on the basis of the provisions of the directive, and a causal link existed between the breach of the state's obligation and the loss and damage suffered by the injured parties.

In substance, the conditions laid down by all those judgments were the same, since the condition that

there should be a sufficiently serious breach, although not expressly mentioned in *Francovich*, was evident from the circumstances of that case.

The Court had, further, held in those judgments that the conditions under which state liability gave rise to a right to reparation depended on the nature of the breach of Community law causing the damage that meant that those conditions were to be applied according to each type of infringement.

On the one hand, a breach of Community law was sufficiently serious if a Community institution or a member state, in the exercise of its rule-making powers, manifestly and gravely disregarded the limits on those powers.

On the other hand, if, at the time when it committed the infringement, the member state was not called on to make legislative choices and had only considerably reduced, or even no, discretion, the mere infringement of Community law might be sufficient to establish the existence of a sufficiently serious breach.

So where, as in *Francovich*, a member state failed, in breach of the third paragraph of article 199 of the EC Treaty, to take any of the measures necessary to achieve the result prescribed by the directive within the period laid down, for that reason, notwithstanding the limits on its discretion, the member state could not justifiably fail a protective measure by which consumers against those risks.

The purpose of article 7 was accordingly to protect consumers who thus had the right to be reimbursed or reparation in the event of the organiser's insolvency.

Any other interpretation would be illogical, since the purpose of the security which organisers had to offer under article 7 was to

enable consumers to obtain a refund of money or to be repaid.

That result was confirmed by the Court.

The persons having rights under article 7 were sufficiently identified as consumers, as identified by article 2 of the directive, and the same was true of the content of those rights.

In answering further questions by the national court on Directive 90/314, the Court of Justice held, inter alia, in relation to the German Government's claim that the period prescribed for transposition of the directive was too short, that that kind of circumstance could not justify a failure to transpose a directive within the prescribed period.

If the period did indeed prove to be too short, the only step comparable to the member state was to take the appropriate initiatives within the Community in order to have the competent Community institution grant an extension of the period.

On the grounds stated by it, the Court of Justice ruled:

1 Failure to take any measure to transpose a directive in order to achieve the result it prescribed within the period laid down for that purpose constituted per se a serious breach of Community law and consequently gave rise to a right of reparation for individuals suffering injury if the result prescribed by the directive entailed the grant of rights to them.

The purpose of article 7 was to offer protection to consumers against those risks.

2 The result prescribed by article 7 of Directive 90/314 entitled the grant to package travellers of rights guaranteeing a refund of money paid over and their repatriation in the event of the organiser's insolvency; the content of those rights was sufficiently identifiable.

3 In order to comply with article 9 of the directive, the member state should have adopted, within the period prescribed, all the necessary measures to ensure that, as from January 1, 1993, individuals would have effective protection against the risk of the insolvency of the organiser and/or retailer party to the contract.

4 If a member state allowed the package travel organiser and/or retailer party to a contract to require payment of a deposit of up to 10 per cent towards the travel price, with a maximum of DM300, the protective purpose pursued by article 7 of Directive 90/314 was not satisfied unless a refund of that deposit was also guaranteed in the event of the insolvency of the organiser and/or retailer party.

5 Article 7 was to be interpreted as meaning that the "security" of which organisers must offer sufficient evidence was lacking even if, on payment of the travel price, travellers were in possession of documents of value and that the Federal Republic of Germany could not have omitted altogether to transpose Directive 90/314 on the basis of the Bundesgerichtshof's "advance payment" judgment of March 12, 1987.

6 Directive 90/314 did not require member states to adopt specific measures in relation to article 7 in order to protect package travellers against their own negligence.

Court of Appeal

Fear of law no excuse for delay in claim

Coban v Allen and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Auld and Sir Patrick Russell

Judgment October 8

A reasonable man was one who obeyed the law; he could not say that it was reasonable for him to have taken a course which was calculated to enable him to disobey it.

A plaintiff seeking to bring an action in negligence outside the limitation period under the special time limits provision in section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980, as inserted, could not rely on his fear of being exposed as an illegal UK resident as a reason for not seeking professional advice so as to acquire constructive knowledge for the purpose of ascertaining the starting date for reckoning the period of limitation.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Mehmet Coban, from an order on a preliminary issue by Judge Roger Cooke in the Mayor's and City of London County Court on May 26, 1995, dismissing his claim for damages for negligence against a firm of solicitors, F. Barnes and Son, Romford, the second defendants.

Section 14A of the Limitation Act 1980, inserted by section 1 of the Latent Damage Act 1986, provides for a special time limit for negligence actions where facts relevant to a cause of action were not known at the date of accrual. By section 14A(3) and (4) an action shall not be brought either six years from the date on which the cause of action accrued or three years from the starting date as defined.

In 1993 the plaintiff went to his present solicitors who issued the writ in the action in May 1993. His claim, put broadly, was that the defendant solicitors were negligent in allowing the first defendant to acquire the sole ownership of the shop without adequately safeguarding his interest in it.

It was agreed that the plaintiff's cause of action accrued in November 1986, when the purported transfer into the sole name of the first defendant was registered at the Land Registry. Accordingly an action in negligence against the solicitors became statute barred in November 1992 unless the action fell within section 14A of the 1980 Act.

The question whether the action was statute barred or not was tried as a preliminary issue. The judge held that it was.

Mr Patchett-Joyce argued that in 1988, when the plaintiff saw other people in occupation of the shop, the only reasonable course for him to take was either to go back to the solicitors or to do what he did in 1993, that is, to go off to new solicitors.

Had he done either of those things, the material facts would have been ascertainable with the help of the expert advice he would have received. Thus, it was said, the case fell clearly under section 14A(1)(b).

Mr Sisley, while accepting that the material facts would have been ascertainable with the help of appropriate expert advice, submitted that it was reasonable for the plaintiff not to seek such advice before 1992, on the ground that until he received the letter from the immigration authorities he had a well founded fear that that would

not be done.

The position was that the plaintiff was here unlawfully. His duty, in order to comply with immigration law, was either to leave the country or, more realistically, to make an application for leave to remain.

If that was his duty, could it be said that it was reasonable for him to do neither and to continue to break the law? It could not.

Mr Patchett-Joyce made a telling distinction. He accepted that the plaintiff's conduct was understandable but submitted that that did not make it reasonable.

That was correct. Generally speaking, a reasonable man was to be taken to be one who obeyed the law. Accordingly, the plaintiff, being bound to obey the law, could not say that it was reasonable for him to take a course which was calculated to enable him to disobey it.

From early 1988 on the plaintiff's only reasonable course was to seek the appropriate advice. The three-year period under section 14A(1)(b) ended in early 1991 and the action became statute-barred in November 1992.

Lord Justice Auld and Sir Patrick Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Goldmark Davies Matthews; Mills & Reeve, Cambridge.

Ward v Aitken and Others, In re Oasis Merchandising Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Utton and Lord Justice Hutchison

Judgment October 9

An agreement between the liquidator of an insolvent company and a third party to share the prospective fruits of claims against former directors for alleged wrongful trading was champertous and therefore void, since it was not a sale of the property of the company so as to fall within his powers under paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the Insolvency Act 1986.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the sixth respondent, London Wall Litigation Claims Ltd, from an order of Mr Justice Robert Walker (*The Times* June 19, 1995) (a) on the application of the first, second, fourth and fifth respondents, Timothy Aitken, Michael Storey, Jonathan Aitken and John Hemingway respectively, granting a stay of proceedings brought against them, pursuant to section 214 of the 1986 Act, by Barry John Ward as liquidator of Oasis Merchandising Services Ltd and (b) withdrawing an approval for the liquidator to enter into an agreement with London Wall Litigation Claims Ltd, which provided for London Wall to finance and share with the liquidator the proceeds of actions taken by the liquidator under section 214.

The court, on the application of the liquidator, the first to fifth respondents, directors or alleged shadow directors of Oasis, had made an agreement for London Wall to finance the action in return for a share of the proceeds.

The company had no assets which could be utilised to fund wrongful trading proceedings before going into receivership, the company being bound to make such contribution to the company's assets as the court thought proper.

Section 43 provides: "... property includes money, goods, things in action, land and every description

of property ... and also obligations and every description of interest, whether present or future or vested or contingent, arising out of or incidental to, property."

Paragraph 6 of Schedule 4

provided that the liquidator's powers exercisable without sanction in any winding up included power to sell any of the company's property.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, giving the judgment of the court, said the abolition of criminal and tortious liability for champertous conduct was one for assignment of the fruits of litigation, rather than a transfer of property carrying a right of litigation or a legal or equitable assignment of a cause of action. It was not disputed that the agreement was champertous.

But the liquidator and London Wall contend that the power conferred on the liquidator by paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the 1986 Act "to sell any of the company's property" gave statutory authority to the sale of the fruits of the litigation and so made valid, what would otherwise be void for champertous.

The judge decided that the fruits were not "the company's property" within paragraph 6 of Schedule 4.

The primary question was to construe the liquidator's power of sale. The provisions relating to company insolvency did not define the property of a company which liquidators could sell, save to the extent that "property" was given an extended meaning.

A distinction might be drawn between assets which were the property of the company at the time of the commencement of the liquidation, and the property representing the same, including rights of action which arose and might have been pursued by the company itself prior to the liquidation, and assets which arose only after the liquidation of the company.

The instant case was one where the bitterness between the parties was manifestly too long.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing in part an appeal by a father from a direction made to a residence order made by Judge Philip Price, QC, in Neath and Port Talbot County Court in November 1995 that the father should not be allowed to make an application in respect of his son aged 10 without the leave of the court.

Section 91 of the 1989 Act provides:

"(1) On disposing of any application for an order under this Act, the court may ... order that no application for an order under this Act of any specified kind may be made with respect to the child concerned by any person named in section 91(1)(b) of this Act."

The judge had held that the father had not been entitled to make an application in respect of his son.

It was a power which the court should exercise with great care and

Liquidator's agreement champertous

Ward v Aitken and Others, In re Oasis Merchandising Services Ltd

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Rock

Judgment September 25

The provisions of section 91(1) of the Children Act 1989 enabling the court to prohibit a person from making an application under the Act without first obtaining leave was a power to be exercised by the court only sparingly and with great care.

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Human touch that counts

Edward Fennell introduces a report on the scheme that spurs companies to develop and value their staff

The human dimension remains the blind-spot in discussions about business success in the UK. Compared with macroeconomic trends, the contribution of people barely seems to count as a factor in the equation. Investors in People Week, starting today, aims to restore some balance to the debate. Designed primarily to promote better awareness of the Investors in People Standard (now in its fifth year), it is also an opportunity to underline the contributions made by people, in teams and as individuals, to business performance.

Take, for example, DHL, the global delivery service, which is convinced that the critical element in retaining customer loyalty is the skills and disposition of its workforce.

Chris Greaves, UK director of human resources for DHL, says: "We see our people as being the 'added value' in what we offer to our clients and we are very keen that individuals should have a better understanding of their role in the organisation. The method we've used to achieve this objective is Investors in People."

After a rigorous assessment, DHL was recently recognised as having met the Investors in People Standard. This was the result of a two-year process of refining the way the organisation was managed.

As Chris Greaves points out: "We did not undertake this exercise to get the 'gong', but in order to realise improvements in the way we managed the business. The value of using the Investors in People framework is that it helped us to achieve consistently what we had been doing sporadically in the past. It also helped managers appreciate better the responsibilities which they had for developing their staff."

The DHL experience is borne out by a new survey of British industry published this week by Coopers and Lybrand and Investors in People UK (the organisation which upholds, promotes and renews the Investors in People Standard).

Making People Your Business provides graphic evidence that there is plenty of room for improvement in the performance of many British com-



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panies. Although there is lip service paid at the top of organisations to the importance of their people, there is often a painful failure to put theory into practice.

The report explains that there are serious gaps between what needs to be done and what is being done across a wide range of management functions. In particular there is an "involvement gap" which leaves many employees insufficiently engaged with their organisation. As a result, they feel undervalued and demotivated.

Mary Chapman, the chief executive of Investors in People UK, hopes that the report will stimulate more organisations to look seriously at how their organisation can help to cure this problem. She says: "The new report captures the mood of the moment. It is noticeable that as soon as we move out of recession skill shortages start to re-emerge.

There is a gap between the best intentions of employers and what is happening in practice. The failures identified by the report exist because many of the initiatives introduced by employers are not being co-ordinated effectively; nor are they in line with the real needs of organisations."

Failures are in themselves a reflection of the poor skills of many managers which feeds back into their work. This in turn leads to a performance gap since the business strategies adopted by many chief executives are not delivering the required results. Meanwhile, skills shortages act as a brake on business success with the result that many enterprises cannot take full advantage of the UK's competitive advantage in terms of wage levels and labour market flexibility.

Effective investment in people, using the Investors in People model, is seen as being the way forward. By developing people to meet the organisation's needs and helping to



Mary Chapman, chief executive, Investors in People UK

Labour joins the party

Tony Blair is modernising his party's approach to its own staff



James Pargetter: "crucial"

members of the Labour Party staff now holds an Investors in People handbook and a laminated card which sums up the Investors' principles. It also reminds the leader that the mission of the party's staff is:

"To secure the election of a Labour government and help sustain it in that position."

Assuming Labour wins power next year then Investors in People can expect to play an ever greater position in industrial life. As one of the party's policy papers comments: "Investors in People is developing as a widely-respected Standard for developing more enterprises and businesses... (it) is a quality standard which has the potential for further development."

Labour believes that IIP should be taken up by a much wider range of organisations and, in particular, it wants IIP to become more accessible and user-friendly to smaller companies. The Trades Union

As a result, each of the 370

Congress is also working with Investors in People UK on a number of initiatives to promote a better understanding among trade unions and their members about what IIP means.

Part of the aim of this exercise is to encourage a "bottom-up" demand for adoption of the standard. Mary Chapman, chief executive of IIP UK, says: "Employees recognise that no longer can they be guaranteed a job for life but they do want to be trained and developed so as to be able to cope with change."

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, sees IIP as part of a new deal between bosses and their workers. He says: "We've supported Investors in People because it is a valuable tool which organisations can make use of to make sure they are investing properly in training and development. The commercial success of companies that have achieved the standard and the personal reward for their employees makes Investors an exemplary model for training and development."

This endorsement by the unions is perceived as being an important contribution to raising the level of take-up of IIP. Philip Chorley, the director of the National Advisory Council for Education and Training Targets (Nacett), considers that the supporters of the Standard should now become more energetic and proactive in their backing. He said: "We should all do much more than we are currently doing to support the take-up of the Standard."

And deeds speak louder than words - a lesson that the Conservative and Liberal Democrat organisations should, perhaps, take to heart.

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Global industry picks up a British idea

The Investors Standard is attracting interest from overseas

Ireland and Germany. For these schemes to work, however, the culture of the organisations has to be right. Already, one retail card operation which has a strong presence in Holland is on board and further developments are expected shortly.

Not surprisingly, in the light of the reputation of Britain's industrial record, there is a degree of scepticism in some countries about whether anything of value in relation to industry can come out of the country. Certainly, some Germans were sceptical when they were first approached.

Work with organisations in Australia, however, is relatively easy. There are no (or at least few) problems of language or interpretation. Much more difficult is work in those countries - such as in continental Europe - where issues of translation and interpretation will arise.

Sensibly, Investors in People UK has started off by working with organisations which already have a foothold in Britain. Where there is a British wing of a multinational then the first step at least is not a problem. The UK end is treated in the same way as any other organisation. The challenge then is to start transposing it abroad.

Investors in People UK hopes that multinational pilot schemes will now go ahead with between ten and 20 organisations operating primarily in Denmark, Holland,

As the international hunger for quality awards increases Investors in People UK can expect to be sought after with some eagerness - a UK export which genuinely beats the opposition.

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Big firms are slow to invest

Large companies complain about bureaucracy but are surprised at the Standard's effect, says Tony Dawe

With hundreds of local organisations committed to the programme and 213 already good enough to be recognised as "Investors in People", Gloucestershire Training and Enterprise Council's Investors' team provides living proof that one of the Government's newest training initiatives does work.

Charged with giving support to those in the county eager to achieve the national standard for involving all staff in improving business performance, Gloucestershire Tec has been inundated with inquiries and has succeeded in guiding a third of all the organisations involved to the recognition level.

This achievement has put the West Country council well ahead of the 80 other similar organisations in England and Wales and has earned it praise from James Paine, the Education and Employment Minister, for exceeding "challenging local targets".

But Gloucestershire sweeps ahead with the support of local business, there are rumbles of discontent about the programme in other parts of the country.

Some training and enterprise councils believe they have been set over-ambitious targets by the Government for "commitments" and "recognitions", especially as they are experiencing difficulty in persuading larger companies to take part.

Chris Humphries, Tec national policy director, has pointed out that fewer than one in three companies with 50 or more staff is involved in any way with the Investors in People scheme.

Some organisations have hit back by claiming that the scheme is too costly and bureaucratic and have highlighted statistics which reveal that Tec spend up to 30 per cent of their annual budget on administrative costs, partly to meet elaborate regulations.

The Association of Metropolitan Authorities has complained that as well as being too expensive the scheme is administered by people with no experience of local government. Leeds City Council is even investigating the possibility of carrying out many of the assessments itself to "provide a cheaper and more effective alternative to the Tec route".

John Howell, chief executive of Solotec, serving six south London boroughs, says: "There is enormous value in bringing people with different

experiences into local authorities to show them how things are done in the business environment."

The south London Tec has bucked the national trend by involving a significant majority of the 130 companies with more than 200 employees in its area in the programme. At the same time, it is trying to encourage as many as possible of the 87 per cent of companies in the area which employ fewer than 25 people to take part without compromising its standards.

"The programme might be a little bureaucratic, especially the assessment process, but I have never heard a business which has committed itself to the scheme speak badly about it," Mr Howell says.

"Many have said it has had a profound impact in ensuring that their business objectives are achieved. A major retail chain in our area reported that its commitment to Investors in People led to a measurable decline in staff turnover with a resultant improvement in customer service and reduction in customer training costs. In the manufacturing sector, companies have measured efficiency gains by employees as well as recording an improvement in morale."

Edward Hall, Investors in People manager at the Central and Inner London North Tec, says: "The companies I deal with daily tell me that it is not the award that is important but the processes they go through that add value to the organisation."

John Roberts, Investors in People manager at Gloucestershire Tec, has cut down on the unpopular bureaucracy by simplifying the 24 assessment indicators into five phases. The first involves an organisation making a commitment and communicating the decision to all employees while the second deals with planning and allocating responsibility for the programme.

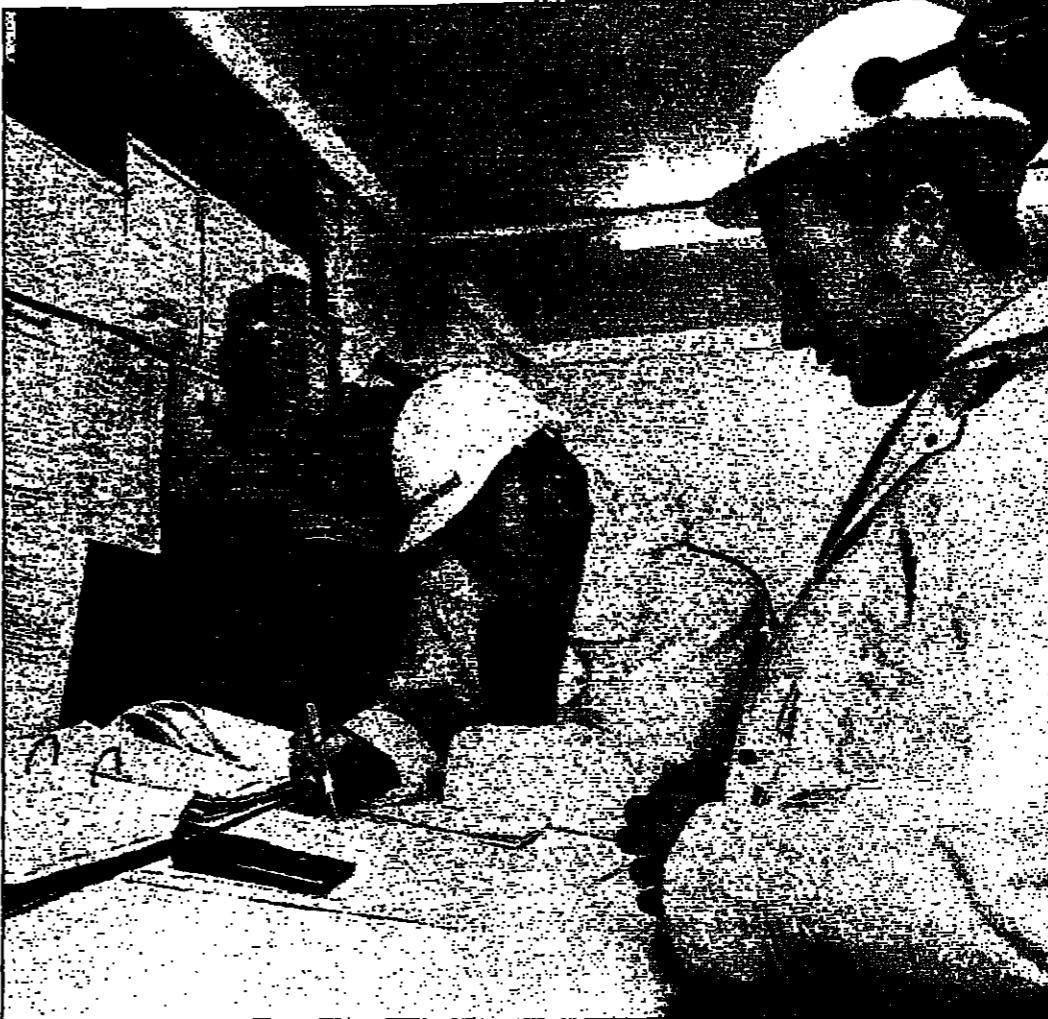
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John Howell: support

Lucy Hodges talks to some of the companies that have signed up for Investors



Setting the standard (clockwise from top left): Bass Taverns; Shepherd Construction; Roy Lecky-Thompson of the City law firm, Cameron Markby Hewitt; Datalink Electronics

Standard bearers who herald success

THE BREWERS

BAR WORK has traditionally been low-paid, part-time and unskilled. No longer. At Bass Taverns today, pub and restaurant workers have organised career paths, recognised qualifications, and better pay as a result of a £10 million investment in people.

Bill Culshaw, human resources manager, says: "What we have done is to transform the image of this kind of job, and we have seen a dramatic change especially in staff turnover among trained people. So the second deal with planning and allocating responsibility for the programme.

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jobs are now asked to tell a story or do a dance before they are hired by Bass. The results have been good. The Irish theme bars, O'Neills, are performing well above appraisal and that, according to the company, is largely to do with the quality of staff and the excitement they generate."

Bass has developed three skill levels for training: bronze, silver and gold. The bronze or basic level includes items such as product knowledge, customer service and stocking. The silver award is NVQ level one, covering hygiene and cellar knowledge. The gold award moves into the supervisory area and includes rostering and the beginning of management training. The company has saved £15 million on relief manager costs.

PUTTING THE BUILDERS
PUTTING money and effort into training is something that Shepherd Construction, the York-based national building contractor, has done for years. So when it learnt about the Investors in People standard, it decided to try it.

Peter Blackburn, training and development manager, says: "We introduced a five-year training and development plan." The business did well despite the recession of the early 1990s.

Shepherd sponsors undergradu-

ates at the universities of Salford and Loughborough, and at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. It also sponsors courses at these institutions in commercial management and quantity surveying and construction management.

"We select the undergraduates and we guarantee them work experience," says Peter Blackburn. "The whole idea is to try to make sure the industry gets some of the high calibre people."

The company has deliberately boosted its off-site project management through a national training scheme, in conjunction with Leeds Metropolitan University, which can produce two staff each year for promotion to the job of construction on training.

The company is also proud of the opportunities it gives its workers through its induction programme and its modern apprenticeship. It runs one of only two in-house site management certification schemes of the Institute of Building.

THE ENGINEERS

IT IS unusual for small companies to invest much in staff training, but Datalink Electronics is not a run-of-the-mill firm. Born in 1984 to give work to four redundant Hawker Siddeley engineers, it has always ploughed money back into the

business and today spends 2.5 per cent of turnover on training.

Four years ago the firm realised it was going to have problems expanding further but it didn't know how to go about this. In the past it had sent employees off on training courses as and when necessary. But that did not always work. "If you don't give people responsibility that they're trained for, they get demotivated," says the managing director, Eric Luckwell. "We didn't have a framework."

Loughborough Tec asked them to put together a business development plan, which they did. The company began to forge ahead. Staff came up with ideas for their own training.

"I personally became quite motivated because I saw our performance figures were beginning to rise quite substantially," says Mr Luckwell. Turnover rose by 30 per cent and profits were up, yet the company had taken on only one extra person. Absenteeism and sickness are less than 1 per cent.

THE LAWYERS

THE first City law firm to attain the Investors in People Standard was Cameron Markby Hewitt, which employs 600 people at its offices near Tower Bridge, London.

Specialising in banking, corpo-

rate and insurance law, the firm made a point of developing management training five years ago. "This was a very new concept for lawyers," says Roy Lecky-Thompson, former personnel director of the firm who introduced the Investors in People initiative.

"We identified that to be effective when the firm was growing and faced with competition, it was no longer possible to say that lawyers were technically competent; they also had to be able to guide, coach and motivate their staff."

The firm scooped a national training award from the Department for Education and Employment in 1991, the same year as Investors in People was launched.

There were concerns that the scheme would bring few, if any, benefits, however. Staff in the company's office saw the scheme as yet another management initiative, wondering what was in it for them. It therefore required a lot of selling downwards.

Interestingly, the number of staff sent on external courses declined during the exercise because training was done instead at the workplace. People began to teach one another. They thought about what they needed to do the job better and who could help them. As a result the company's spending on training declined. Productivity has increased.

How to get employers on side

Even the best-run companies find the Standard tough

Dr Phil Blackburn, the chief executive of West London Training and Enterprise Council, is ebullient about his area. Focused on Heathrow airport, about four-fifths of the local businesses are foreign-owned. So when it comes to world-class standards Dr Blackburn knows exactly what he is talking about.

He says: "Our aim is to serve the needs of organisations in our area. We're not very interested in national targets or government initiatives. My primary responsibility is to local business. In carrying out the function I believe that Investors in People has an important role to play."

Unlike in less cosmopolitan areas, Dr Blackburn suspects that it is relatively easy for him to persuade his local chief executives of the benefits of the IIP approach. Often reared on American or Japanese management styles, they have no difficulty in identifying with the philosophy. Dr Blackburn says: "You need to get employers on your side and to get them involved. Fortunately, that is not too difficult around

here. Management readily understands the message."

Dr Blackburn and his team at the Tec have been careful, however, not to sell IIP as some kind of "off-the-shelf" product. He says: "Undertaking IIP is a process. In fact it contributes directly to the change process which many organisation currently need to go through."

Continuous change is, of course, the biggest challenge to management both in the public and private sectors. Often, this entails reducing staff numbers while also arguing that people are the organisation's "most valuable resource". IIP cannot help managers sidestep the need to adjust to the right size for the market. However, it does help to ensure that people are being continually equipped with new skills and that when redundancies are necessary those who remain are re-equipped with the skills which are right for the job.

One of IIP's biggest fans is Professor Tom Cannon, who runs the Management Char-

ter Initiative. Looking around the British industrial scene he sees to many "punchbags" — that is organisations which are being continually buffeted by circumstances, overtaken by business rivals, always reacting, never ahead of the game.

He says: "Companies with IIP are not like that. From what I've seen they are often butting with new ideas. They are at the leading edge and they are willing to take risks."

Professor Cannon sees IIP and the MCI management standards as working hand-in-hand. Companies which are using the MCI standards are more likely to achieve IIP recognition. At the same time qualified managers are more likely to see value in the IIP approach. He says: "The besetting sin of UK industry is the failure to recognise the human potential which lies within its own organisation. By observing the IIP Standard that is much less likely to happen."

Professor Cannon is concerned that one of the reasons for the relative failure of

British industry is the tendency to settle and be satisfied at a lower level than would be the case in the United States or in Germany. He says: "The comfort level in Britain tends to be at a lower level. Managers and entrepreneurs are content to accept lower standards."

In itself, IIP cannot cure a nation of a tendency towards complacency. The nature of the IIP process means that at least management is being continually challenged to define its objectives and to ensure its people are being developed to achieve goals.

Manpower is an organisation which has no shortage of ambition and is continually updating itself for new situations. As one of the leading agencies world-wide to provide temporary staff, especially those with business and administrative skills, it has seen a total transformation from the days when shorthand and typing skills could set a secretary through a lifetime of work. Now Manpower's "field staff"

must be thoroughly *au fait* with a range of IT systems and able to cope with new products, such as Windows 95, from the moment they are available.

Ouida Weaver, the head of human resources and training at Manpower, says that Investors in People appealed to her because its quality was very high. She says: "By becoming an Investor in People we recognised commercial reality.

We needed to have a strategy to invest in people because that is the only way we could succeed. From what we can see right-thinking companies are achieving recognition under IIP. And once we set out to achieve the Standard I was continually surprised."

"As a manager, I believed that we had good systems in place. But having started to examine minutely what we were doing by comparison with the IIP standard lots of little gaps started to appear. We were then able to seal up those cracks systematically. IIP ensures that the message sent out by management has been understood."

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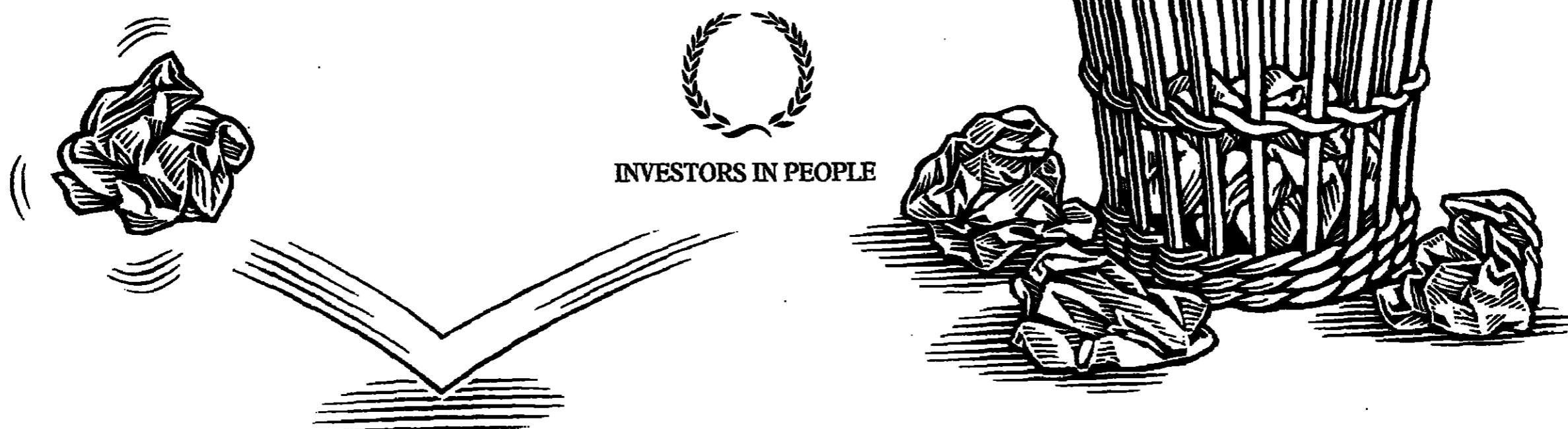
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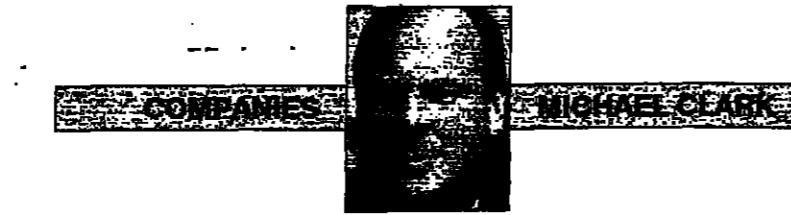
Albert Fisher shows scars of another tough year

ALBERT FISHER: Full-year figures from the fruit and vegetable distributor on Thursday are likely to show another difficult year for the group. Brokers are tentatively forecasting a final figure of £40 million-plus at the pre-tax level, and before exceptions, compared with £39.5 million last time.

But the figures are likely to be accompanied by huge exceptional losses totalling about £150 million relating to the write-off of goodwill after the disposal of its German and US food distribution businesses. Brokers began trimming their forecasts several months ago when the group issued a warning about disappointing harvests.

Food processing has performed well with the supply of sauces and dressings to the McDonald's fast food chain continuing to improve. Frozen products will also have enjoyed a positive performance with last year's drought pushing up prices and creating a shortage of fresh vegetables. The performance of the seafood division will have been held back by a later-than-usual season for cockles and mussels.

Premier Farnell: Half-year figures from newly merged Premier Farnell are likely to contain just three months' contribution from Premier with brokers looking for pre-tax profits of £60 million against £36 million for the corresponding period. This should be achieved on turnover up from £264.4 million to £420 million, but earnings will have taken a knock, down from 17.9p to 16.3p. Even so, shareholders will be rewarded with an increase in the half-year payout from 4.6p to 5.3p. There is unlikely to be an update



on the progress being made at integrating Premier, but the City still seems pleased with the deal.

Smiths Industries: The strong performance achieved by the group in the first six months is likely to have been maintained in the second half. UBS, the broker, is forecasting an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £163 million when full-year figures are released on Wednesday.

Earnings per share are expected to grow by 17 per cent to 36.7p. Turnover was also sharply higher in the first half, reflecting strong organic growth across all three divisions and the benefits of acquisitions in its medical and industrial arm.

UBS believes that aerospace is likely to have suffered a flat second-half performance with post-strike rescheduling at Boeing countering solid performances in the 737 and 777 series programmes. Production rate increases recently announced in both programmes should provide further long-term growth.

NatWest Securities says the group will have to turn in an impressive performance to justify its current rating, but believes that it is capable of such a task. Both brokers agree that the aerospace industry has begun to take off after five years of recession.

HIGHLAND DISTILLERIES: Half-year profits due out today are likely to take a back seat, with brokers anxious to discover what action is being taken by the management to address certain problems facing the group.

The expected downturn in pre-tax profits from £42.9 million to about £41 million was signalled at the halfway stage in April and has already been widely discounted by the City.

What will be the new price levels for Famous Grouse, its premier brand, over the Christmas period? How well is the integration of Macallan proceeding, and will extra cash be needed to invest in Remy Cointreau? These are just some of the questions needing answers.

Famous Grouse now accounts for 70 per cent of operating profits, which will be down this time because of pricing pressures in the domestic market. There are signs, just as there were with Guinness, that conditions in the spirits industry are picking up, and the benefits of any recovery should be recorded in the current year.

Highland Park and Black Bottle, which were bought from Allied Domecq last year, should benefit from rising consumer interest in single malts. Earnings per share are likely to be 1p lower at 22.2p, but

there is scope for an increase in the dividend from 7.9p to 8.3p.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL: The main feature of third-quarter results today should be that the long-awaited recovery in earnings is finally under way, in spite of the continuing low prices for recovered materials. Brokers expect a figure of almost 20p compared with 13.7p last time. The third quarter is traditionally the strongest and pre-tax profits for the nine months are likely to reach £121 million, an increase of £10 million on last time.

DFS FURNITURE: The main feature of Wednesday's full-year figures will be the sharp increase in turnover on the back of store opening and heavy advertising programmes. Pre-tax profits are likely to be £4 million up on last year's £2.6 million with earnings per share growing from 16.6p to 19p.

The group has moved into the Greater London area with three new stores during the period. This is certain to provide long-term advantages, but will also result in increased costs relating to store openings and advertising rates. This, in turn, will have affected margins.

M J GLEESON: An encouraging set of full-year figures are expected from the construction group when it reports on Thursday. Pre-tax profits should be £300,000 higher at 58.8 million with earnings per share up from 52.7p to 58.1p. Shareholders will be rewarded with a 6 per cent increase in the total payout to 15.8p net.



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Markets focus on producer prices

TODAY
Interims: Forward Technology, Premier Farnell.
Finals: James Halstead, Highland Distilleries.
Economic statistics: UK September Producer Prices Index, House of Commons resumes after summer break, EU finance ministers meeting in Brussels.

TOMORROW
Interims: Henry Boot & Son, Henderson Highland, Tie Rack, Warnford Investments.
Finals: London & St Lawrence.
Economic statistics: Bank of England to announce details of forthcoming gilt auctions, US Atlanta fed survey, US weekly Johnson red book sales, French 1997 budget.

WEDNESDAY
Interims: Innovative Technology.
Finals: Burn Stewart Distillers, DFS Furniture, Ham-bros Smaller Asian Companies, Smiths Industries, Town Centre Securities.
Economic statistics: UK September PSBR, UK September unemployment, UK average earnings, unit wage costs, US September consumer prices index, French July current account balance.

THURSDAY
Interims: Audax Properties, Value & Income Trust.
Finals: none scheduled.
Economic statistics: UK BCC quarterly survey, US weekly jobless claims, US September housing starts, US September industrial production, US October Philadelphia fed survey, US August business inventories.

FRIDAY
Interims: 600 Group.
Finals: none scheduled.
Economic statistics: UK September major banking groups lending, UK September building societies lending, UK September provisional M4, UK September motor vehicle production, US August visible trade balance.

SUNDAY TIPS
The Sunday Times: Buy Smiths Industries, Johnson Group, TBI and William Sinclair. The Sunday Telegraph: Hold Commercial Union, Tie Rack, Buy Revelation Peacilly Holdings, Fired Earth, Close Brothers, Mail on Sunday, Avoid Victory Corporation, Buy KS Biomedix, Independent on Sunday, Buy Allied Leisure, Ashhead, Lavendon, Fitness First, Hold Harvey Nichols.

On the same day, the latest labour market statistics are published. September unemployment is expected to have dropped by some 18,000, a little more than the 15,600 decline recorded in August. Annual growth in average earnings is expected to have remained at 3.75 per cent in August. On Friday, a clutch of bank and building society lending figures are published for September.

The key American statistics this week include September consumer prices on Wednesday and industrial production for September on Thursday. The pointers for industrial production are mixed with national purchasing managers suggesting a slowdown in manufacturing but other figures showing the manufacturing work week at around the highest levels of the economic cycle.

On Sunday, the Japanese general election is held. John Sheppard, Chief Economist at Yamaichi Europe, noted that polls show a massive proportion of "don't knows", making the result unusually unpredictable.

JANET BUSH

SDX seeks £5m at float

BY ROBERT MILLER

SDX Business Systems, the UK technology company that specialises in business telephone systems such as automatic call distribution and voice mail, is to seek a Stock Exchange listing this year valuing the group at around £50 million and raising some £5 million of new capital. The company, which numbers American Express, the

BBC, Lloyds TSB and the Prudential among clients using SDX-designed systems, made pre-tax profits of £2 million last year on turnover of £23.25 million. Kleinwort Benson Securities will sponsor and broker the share placing.

SDX was founded in November 1991 as part of a management buyout of the business systems division from STC.

Threat to employee share plans

A new accounting standard is threatening employees' savings-related share option schemes, according to New Bridge Street Consultants, the incentives experts.

The Accounting Standards Board is to force companies to charge any discount on the shares placed in the scheme against their profits. Many companies offer discounts of up to 20 per cent on shares in the firm purchased by employees, but New Bridge Street is concerned that most will get rid of the discounts or withdraw the schemes.

Banking lure

A promise of free banking for start-up firms for up to 18 months is being offered by Midland Bank from today in a bid to woo small business customers. Small companies, whose key personnel will also need to have personal accounts with the bank, will pay interest on loans and overdrafts but no additional fees or charges provided the borrowing is within agreed limits.

Defence links

The British, French and German militaries are to co-operate on building a network of communications satellites, the German defence ministry has confirmed. The network should be up and running by the middle of the next decade and is expected to cost around £2 billion. The proposal, originally put forward by the French Government, is expected to mean hundred of millions of pounds of work for British companies such as GEC and British Aerospace.

Aiming high

Jardinerie International, which specialises in internal landscaping for offices and airports, is to float on AIM with a value of more than £10 million. The group will raise £4.3 million, which is to be used to buy two Tropical Plants Display and Office Landscaping, a move that will make it the second-largest player in the UK market, after Rentokil Initial.

Finns in ERM

Finland will join Europe's Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM) today in a move widely hailed as a boost to the single European currency. The EU's monetary committee decided at the weekend to bring the Finnish markka in at a central rate of 3.04 to the German mark.

Euro Disney plans huge retail site at French theme park

BY JON ASHWORTH

EURO DISNEY, the theme park operator, is planning to open a giant shopping complex on the doorstep of Disneyland Paris. The complex, which will include a factory shopping centre modelled on Bicester Village in Oxfordshire, is linked to proposals designed to boost yields at Marne la Vallée.

The centre will bear the mark of Value Retail, the UK company that developed Bicester Village, which has proved one of the most successful factory shopping outlets, with branded names like Polo, Ralph Lauren, Benetton and Villeroy & Boch.

The proposals are part of Euro Disney's "Year 2000" project, aimed at complementing the theme park, hotels and conference facilities with a raft of retail and commercial developments. A Kingpin is the proposed international commercial centre, built around a 75,000 sq ft mall, which will

include a hypermarket and retail galleries, and the factory shopping centre.

Euro Disney is planning to develop offices next to the mall. There are also plans for a housing development, financed through leveraged deals with third parties to avoid increasing group debt. Euro Disney is struggling to boost revenues at a time when interest payments to its banks – suspended at the time of the refinancing two years ago – are gradually being phased back in. Interest payments are set to increase sharply in the 1997 financial year.

Euro Disney's success in boosting visitor numbers and yields will be disclosed next month, when the group unveils its latest full set of financial results. In other developments, the Festival Disney strip at the entrance to the theme park, which is being renamed Disney Village, is being doubled in size. An eight-screen multiplex cinema, including France's widest fixed screen, is due to open in March. A branch of Planet Hollywood has had a "soft" opening, and is building up to a star-studded official launch. Seasonal pricing, and new attractions such as Space Mountain, have helped to smooth out attendances. The strong frame has deterred independent spending by visitors from the UK, who account for about 10 per cent of visits. However, the currency has had less impact on visitors from Germany and the Benelux countries, who each account for 18 per cent of total attendance.

Euro Disney reported a pre-tax profit of FFr14 million (Fr1.8 billion loss) in the year to September 30, 1995 – its first full-year profit since the park opened in April 1992. A year of fifth anniversary anniversary celebrations kicks off next month.



A shopper's paradise is planned for Disneyland Paris

Accountants brought to book

BY JON ASHWORTH

UK accountants should follow the example of KPMG and open their books to scrutiny, a MORI poll of 75 of the UK's leading 300 companies has found. Banks, investment houses, and leading UK companies also favoured the appointment of independent auditors to the larger accountancy firms.

KPMG set the trend earlier in the year, when it became the first Big Six firm to publish a full set of report and accounts. The figures showed that Colin Sharman, senior partner, received remuneration of £438,000 in the year to the end of September 1995. He received an additional £125,000 in pension contributions. Grant Thornton has been appointed to audit KPMG's accounts.

More than 90 per cent of companies are in favour of auditors disclosing their own financial information. Twenty banks and 20 investment companies were also questioned in the survey, sponsored by KPMG. Some 65 per cent of respondents said they were in favour of incorporating a firm's audit practice as a method of liability protection. KPMG has ringfenced its audit arm in this way. Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse are among those to seek similar protection.

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Baker confident of avoiding SFA ban over Leeson

BY ROBERT MILLER

RON BAKER, the former Barings executive charged with failing to exercise proper management controls over Nick Leeson, the rogue trader who broke the bank with debts of £830 million, said yesterday that he was confident he would clear his name when his case comes before a tribunal later this week.

The Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, has proposed to ban Mr Baker from senior City registers for three years, and proposed that he should pay £10,000 towards the regulator's costs.

If the Australian-born Mr Baker, who was recruited to Barings from Bankers Trust in April 1992 to head up the corporate fixed income department, loses his case and the tribunal upholds the SFA's disciplinary charges, then the former Barings executive could face having to pay thousands of pounds more in costs.

Mr Baker's legal team is headed by Charles Hollander, who faces the SFA's prosecu-

tors led by Presley Baxendale QC, who assisted Sir Richard Scott, the Vice-Chancellor, in the arms-to-Iraq inquiry. The independent tribunal, chaired by Judge Colin Kolbert, is expected to announce its findings within four weeks.

Mr Baker has consistently maintained that he had no direct responsibility for any of Leeson's trading activities on the Far East money markets until January 1, 1995, just weeks before the UK's oldest merchant bank collapsed and was rescued by ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group.

The SFA still has proposed disciplinary proceedings outstanding against three other former Barings executives. Mary Waltz, who was in charge of equity financial products and who is also suing the bank for £500,000 in unpaid bonuses, James Bax, one of Leeson's immediate superiors in Singapore, and Ian Hopkins, former head of group Treasury and risk. The watchdog has pencilled in tribunal dates for all three.

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Capitalisation, week's change

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Mid cap market	Company	Price	Wkly	Ytd	%	PE	Mid cap market	Company	Price	Wkly	Ytd	%	PE	Mid cap market	Company	Price	Wkly	Ytd	%	PE
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES																				
4,581.00	Affed Distress	401+	-2%	47	16.2		23.14	Almond Oil	637+	4	38	16.2		10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	124+	+	124	1.7	
274.00	Amex Wks	503+	+1%	32	11.4		23.20	Amex Wks	49	11.0				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
7.70	Amex Wks	503+	+1%	32	11.4		23.20	Amex Wks	50	11.1				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
10,177.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	51	11.1				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	52	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
10,177.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	53	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	54	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	55	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	56	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	57	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	58	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	59	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	60	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	61	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	62	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	63	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	64	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	65	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	66	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	67	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	68	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	69	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	70	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	71	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	72	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	73	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	74	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	75	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	76	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	77	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	78	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	79	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	80	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	81	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	82	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	83	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	84	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	85	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	86	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	87	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	88	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125	1.7	
1,036.00	Amex Wks	602+	+5%	45	20.5		23.20	Amex Wks	89	11.2				10,500.00	Amex Mid Wks	125+	+	125</td		

Imro action over pensions mis-selling

By ROBERT MILLER

HUNDREDS of thousands of investors who were *mis-sold* personal pensions are unaware that they stand in line to receive collectively compensation expected to eventually reach more than £1 billion.

A leading City watchdog will today hand down lines of up to £100,000 each on four financial broking houses for a series of rule breaches regarding the sale of personal pensions. These include not providing vital performance data so that investors can make meaningful comparisons between what they might receive from their former occupational schemes and their current personal pension plans.

Imro, the regulator for fund managers headed by Phillip Thorpe, is also expected to order the four firms to pay substantial costs that could top £150,000. These are the first pension

compensation payments to be unveiled by a regulator since the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, ordered a review in 1993 of more than one million personal pension plans sold since 1988.

The Imro action could speed up the process that is ultimately expected to leave the pensions industry nursing a compensation and costs bill of up to £4 billion.

There is, however, growing concern among consumer protection bodies over the two-tier review system being operated by City watchdogs.

At one end there is the full-scale "pro-active" SIB review that automatically ensures all cases involving pension transfers where people, such as nurses, miners, fire-fighters and police officers, were persuaded to leave their employers' scheme with promises of high returns.

At the other end are the hundreds of thousands of investors, many of whom were wrongly advised to buy personal pension plans, who are unaware that they are the victims of bad advice because the documentation they were given by life offices and banks is flawed.

Many pension companies that mis-sold plans also appear to have failed to highlight the risks of leaving a secure scheme — many of which offered guaranteed perks and minimum pension payments — for the uncertainties of a private plan.



Thorpe to hand out fines

Lang under fire over delay on BA

By JON ASHWORTH

IAN LANG, the President of the Board of Trade, is under increasing pressure to rule on whether the proposed link-up between British Airways and American Airlines should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

Mr Lang received a report on the proposed alliance from the Office of Fair Trading more than a week ago. However, airline insiders have been told no decision is imminent.

One view is that Mr Lang will allow the controversial alliance to proceed, on condition that BA and American surrender a proportion of their valuable Heathrow slots.

United Airlines last week urged the US Department of Transportation to formally investigate the proposed BA-American tie-up.

Loft founder backs £100m bridge plan

By JASON NISSE

MANHATTAN Loft Corporation, the group behind the Bankside redevelopment near the new Tate Gallery in London, is backing the £100 million scheme to build a footbridge across the Thames.

The privately funded scheme, which intends to build an inhabited bridge from Temple Underground station to the South Bank, has been proposed by the architect Zaha Hadid. The proposal is for the bridge to be built as part of the Millennium celebrations.

Ms Hadid's plans are for the bridge to incorporate flats and a luxury hotel as well as a public walkway across the Thames. Harry Handelman, founder of Manhattan Loft, is keen on the project and wants to develop the flats.

TOURIST RATES									
Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks	Banks
Australia \$ 2.03	1.92	2.20	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03	2.03
Austria 1.72	1.62	1.72	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62	1.62
Belgium Fr 25.40	26.10	25.50	25.40	25.40	25.40	25.40	25.40	25.40	25.40
Canada \$ 2.239	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069	2.069
Denmark Kr 9.76	8.95	10.18	9.76	9.76	9.76	9.76	9.76	9.76	9.76
Finland Fr 7.75	7.00	7.50	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
Germany DM 2.56	2.34	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56	2.56
Greece Dr 2.75	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75
Hong Kong \$ 12.77	11.77	12.77	12.77	12.77	12.77	12.77	12.77	12.77	12.77
Iceland Fr 1.15	0.95	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.15
Ireland Sh 5.79	4.74	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79	5.79
Japan Yen 126.80	122.95	126.80	126.80	126.80	126.80	126.80	126.80	126.80	126.80
Malta 0.293	0.254	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293	0.293
Netherlands Gld 2.942	2.672	2.942	2.942	2.942	2.942	2.942	2.942	2.942	2.942

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The gilt market has appeared to be an attractive option for overseas investors. There is a country where there has been a dramatic improvement in the inflation background, where the Labour Party (likely to form the next Government) appears to have become more conservative than the Conservatives and where the UK has a good chance of meeting the Maastricht criteria. Hence gilts have been carried along in the wake of the spread narrowing of higher-yielding European bond markets such as Italy and Spain, where EMU prospects have improved.

This spread narrowing for gilts is justified. We think not. The only part of the bullish story that investors can be reasonably confident about is that the UK's inflation has not been cured. But even these are at risk from strengthening activity and a tightening

labour market. Contrast this with the likes of Spain and Italy, where the background is far more bond-friendly. These countries have weak activity, falling inflation and clear progress on deficit reduction.

The current 15bp spread to Germany is a risk premium that reflects two factors: political risk from a change of government and the UK's EMU prospects. How much risk premium is due to each factor is difficult to assess but a comparison with the Danish bond market may provide a guide. Denmark has a similar stance on EMU, which means that it may have a similar EMU risk premium. The Danish spread against bonds is about 80bp and probably reflects a pure EMU premium. By implication, gilts

spread to Denmark may represent the risk premium associated with expectations of a Labour government.

But it is possible that the EMU risk premium in gilts is larger than suggested above, which means that the implied political risk premium is smaller, because the Labour Party is relatively pro-EMU. It may be too optimistic. The Labour Party conference revealed splits on the European issue. Moreover, both parties have indicated that they will take the EMU question to the electorate and, with the opinion polls indicating a clear "No" vote, this suggests little chance

of the UK joining EMU for the foreseeable future.

The immediate issue, however, is whether the uncertainty surrounding a future Labour government has been discounted. In theory, the large gap in popularity between Labour and the Tories suggests that yields should have fully incorporated political risk. In practice, however, they probably have not. The last election may be a guide. In the few weeks before the 1992 election, there was a 70bp rise in long-dated yields, which left the spread to bonds about 70bp higher, at about 220bp. A few days after the election, the spread dropped back again.

The reason for this late sell-off was that domestic investors (inhibited by quarterly performance assessments) were unwilling to reduce their weightings until late in the day. This pattern seems to be repeating itself, with domestic investors currently reluctant buyers of gilts. The prospect of an eleven-hour drop in gilts when domestic investors finally exercise their (previously only voiced) concerns is increasing.

The reason for this is that, as the election draws closer, the Labour Party's so far deliberately bland policy statements are likely to be analysed more closely. The most important issue is the conspicuous lack of any formal commitment to stick to the Maastricht budget deficit cri-

terion. "Brown's rules" have been cited as evidence of a more prudent approach, but it is possible to meet these and breach 3 per cent of GDP on the budget deficit, if the Tories have failed in lower spending as they came to power in 1979, the fiscal risks are probably greater under Labour.

Overseas investors could take gilt spreads lower in the near term, on the back of further spread narrowing in Italy and Spain. But more sceptical domestic investors will have their day as the election approaches, when the current optimism over EMU and policy risks comes more into question. At that time we think the ten-year gilt/bond spread will rise towards 200bp.

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Gilts vulnerable to political risk

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ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET															
1995	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wkly +/—	Ytd %	P/E	1995	High	Low	Mid cap (million)	Price	Wkly +/—	Ytd %	P/E
200	75	55	5.80 Fife Publs	250	+ 5	...	...	75	427	427	9.12 Nine Pins	424	...	...	...
225	131	105	3.04 Fife Inds	225	+ 10	0.4	14.0	118	1105	105	44.90 Nursing Home	113	4	32.5	...
245	188	155	5.76 Fomerries	307	+ 10	0.4	14.0	170	85	85	16.00 Old English Pub	160	6	6.9	10.5
243	253	179	8.79 Forni Sl	45	- 3	...	...	126	124	124	12.60 Ormiston	105	4	5	...
15	142	142	9.05 FDR Hldgs	120	+ 17	1.9	17.2	175	124	124	8.44 Overmantel	14	...	...	...
161	190	180	14.00 Formicant	125	+ 17	1.9	17.2	125	120	120	24.50 Pacific Corp	125	2	2	...
212	123	123	12.20 Fortis Hldgs	147	+ 2	1.4	12.6	125	121	121	16.50 Pacific Media	125	0	0	...
207	174	155	15.20 Fortis Gold	144	+ 2	3.0	12.6	175	160	160	16.50 Pan Andean Res	175	0	0	...
85	68	31	16.00 Fortis	234	+ 1	1.4	12.6	220	180	180	5.14 Pan-Euro Publ	215	2	4.7	15.6
234	13	31	16.00 Fortis & Bd	234	+ 1	1.4	12.6	105	85	85	13.10 P&G No Co	84	12	12	...
214	52	52	6.48 Fortunes & Bd	374	+ 1	1.4	12.6	145	125	125	5.14 P&G No Co	125	12	12	...
24	7	7	12.70 Fosters	109	+ 1	1.4	12.7	145	125	125	3.14 P&G No Co	125	12	12	...
280	280	280	14.00 Fosters	125	+ 1	1.4	12.7	145	125	125	3.14 P&G No Co	125	12	12	...
985	400	400	4.00 Four St Brewery	492	+ 9	2.2	12.7	145	125	125	3.14 P&G No Co	125			

